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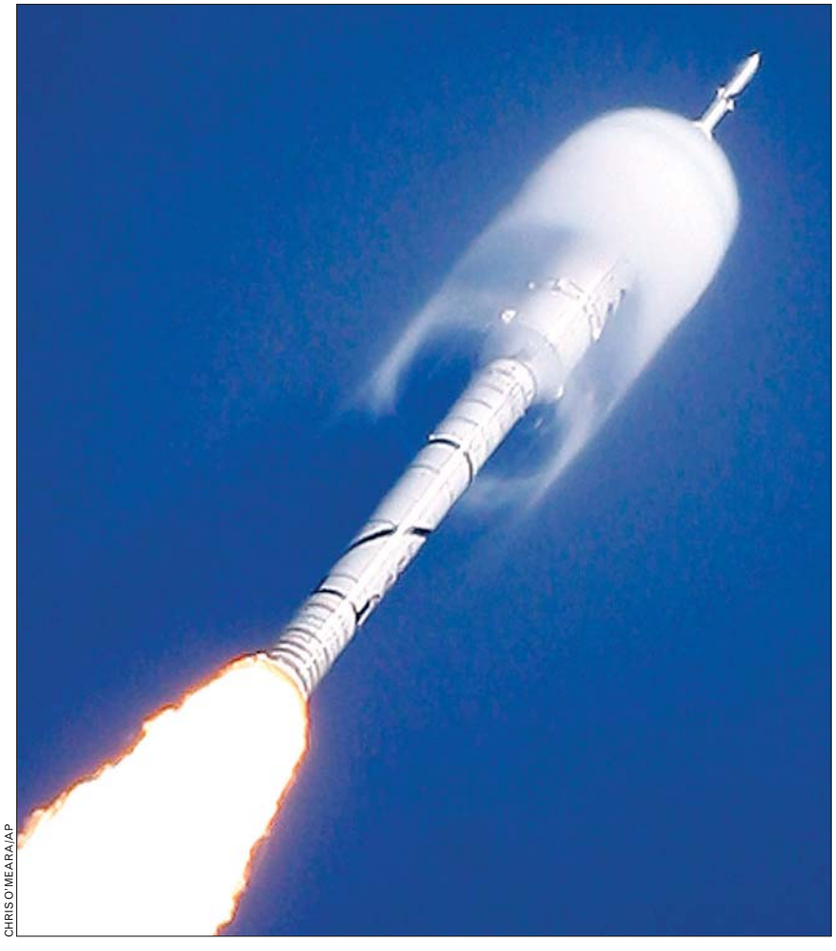

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A Small Step Back Toward the Moon

FIRST FLIGHT: NASA's newest rocket, the 327-foot Ares I-X, soars skyward Wednesday on a brief but successful test flight, the first step in a back-to-the-moon program that could yet be shelved by the White House. Nearly twice the height of the craft it's supposed to replace — the shuttle — the skinny experimental rocket carried no passengers or payload. The flight cost $445 million.

Schools Battered By H1N1

Hundreds are forced to close as flu cases multiply rapidly

CHICAGO | The number of students staying home sick with the flu is multiplying nationwide, and normally quiet school nurses' offices suddenly look like big-city emergency rooms, packed with students too ill to finish the day.

The federal government has urged schools to close because of the swine flu only as a last resort. But schools are closing by the dozens as officials say they are being hit so hard and so fast by the H1N1 virus that they believe shutting down for a few days is the only feasible option.

"There was nothing else we could do," said Michael Frechette, the superintendent of Connecticut's Middletown Public Schools, where a middle school closed for the rest of the week after 120 students stayed home sick Monday and another 25 were sent home by noon.

At least 351 schools were closed last week alone — affecting 126,000 students in 19 states, according to the U.S. Education Department. So far this school year, about 600 schools have temporarily shut their doors. DON BABWIN (AP)

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EMBARRASSMENT

Men Blush, Insist Haul 'Isn't Theirs'

Police say whoever stole two shipping containers from a Conway, Ark., distribution center likely didn't get what they were looking for: The containers held $474,000 of feminine products and baby care items. Inside the containers were 9,064 cases of Kotex and Poise feminine hygiene products, 152 cases of Huggies Soft Skin baby wash and 380 cases of baby wipes. (AP)

AUTOMOTIVE

Not Even God Likes U.S. Auto Industry

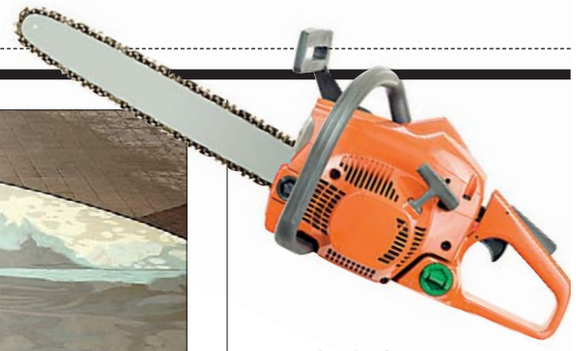
Lexington, Ky., police say a man who smashed a window at a car dealership claimed he was following a higher calling. David A. Silva was collared by a security guard at Freedom Dodge before he could get inside the showroom. He told the guard that God wanted him to steal a Dodge Charger. Silva faces charges including criminal mischief. (AP)

CHRISTOPHER FURLONG/GETTY IMAGES

PUBLIC ART

You Can Walk All Over Her

The world's biggest copy of the Mona Lisa was unveiled Wednesday in Wrexham, Wales. The giant version of Leonardo da Vinci's work measures 57.4 feet across and is 50 times bigger than the original painting. Community groups and schoolkids painted the 82 vinyl tiles that make up the picture. (EXPRESS)



ATTRACTIONS

'The Crazed Police Officer at the End Was the Best Part!'

Authorities say a Baltimore police officer pulled his gun on a chainsaw-wielding haunted house worker Sunday. Sgt. Eric Janik has been charged with assault for pulling his service weapon on the worker. Police say the employee approached Janik after the haunted house tour was over Sunday night. Janik pointed his gun at the man's chest. The man dropped the chain saw, which had no chain. (AP)

SPORTS

"Die-hard Phillies fan — gorgeous tall buxom blonde — in desperate need of two World Series tickets."

— **A CRAIGSLIST AD** POSTED BY SUSAN FINKELSTEIN, WHO ALLEGEDLY OFFERED TO PERFORM SEX ACTS ON AN UNDERCOVER POLICE OFFICER IN EXCHANGE FOR TICKETS. SHE WAS LATER ARRESTED.

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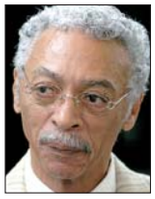
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

Jury Convicts Birmingham Mayor of Accepting Bribes

A jury has convicted Birmingham Mayor Larry Langford on federal charges of accepting bribes, automatically removing him from office. He was convicted of all the counts he faced for accepting cash and luxury items worth about $236,000 while serving as president of the Jefferson County Commission. In exchange, he funneled $7.1 million in bond business to an investment banker. Some of the bond deals went sour in the credit crunch, and Jefferson County is now trying to avoid the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history. (AP)



Langford

NEW YORK

City Council Clears Way For 82-Story MoMA Tower

The Museum of Modern Art's proposal for a new 82-story tower has cleared its final hurdle. The New York City Council voted Wednesday to approve the plan for a 1,000-foot mixed-use tower on West 53rd Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The building will contain gallery space, 150 residential apartments and 100 hotel rooms. (AP)

Review: Stimulus Jobs Overstated

Contractors may have exaggerated hirings, investigation finds

WASHINGTON | A Colorado company said it created 4,231 jobs with the help of President Obama's economic recovery plan. The real number: fewer than 1,000.

A child care center in Florida said it saved 129 jobs with the help of stimulus money. Instead, it gave pay raises to its existing employees.

Elsewhere in the U.S., some jobs credited to the stimulus program were counted two, three, four or even more times.

The government has overstated by thousands the number of jobs it has created or saved with federal contracts under the president's $787 billion recovery program, according to an Associated Press review of data released in the program's first progress report.

The discrepancy raises questions about the reliability of a key benchmark the administration uses to gauge the success of the stimulus. The errors could be magnified Friday when a much larger round of reports is released. It is expected to show hundreds of thousands of jobs repairing public housing, building schools, repaving highways and keeping teachers on local payrolls.

The White House seized on an initial report from a government oversight board weeks ago that claimed federal contracts awarded to businesses under the recovery plan already had helped pay for more than 30,000 jobs.

MICHAEL CONROY/AP FILE

President Obama has said the economic recovery plan will create or save 3.5 million jobs by the end of next year, but tracking the stimulus' impact is a challenge.

There's no evidence the White House sought to inflate the job numbers.

But the 30,000 figure is overstated by thousands — at the very least by nearly 5,000, or one in six, based on The AP's limited review — because some federal agencies and recipients of the money provided incorrect job counts.

The White House says it is aware there are problems. Ed DeSeve, an Obama adviser helping to oversee the stimulus program, said agencies have been working with businesses that received the money to correct mistakes.

There's no evidence the White House sought to inflate job numbers in the report, though the administration embraced the flawed figures the moment they were released. (AP)

MESSAGES **Marginally Explicit** Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger typically attaches a message to bills he signs or vetoes telling lawmakers why he took the action. A Democratic assemblyman who heckled the governor during a recent event received two messages recently. Like a find-the-word puzzle, the second message was visible by stringing together the first letter of lines down the left margin. It consisted of a four-letter vulgarity followed by the letters "y-o-u." A spokesman for the governor dismissed it as a coincidence. (AP)

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Warehouse Stores Adapt

In a sign of the times, many retailers begin to accept food stamps

PORTLAND, ORE. | With many families suddenly struggling to feed themselves, the big warehouse clubs known for king-size packages of steak and jumbo boxes of Cheerios are increasingly competing with grocery stores for the 36 million Americans now on food stamps.

Costco Wholesale Corp. said Wednesday that it would start accepting food stamps at its warehouse clubs nationwide. That is a big about-face for a chain that has catered to the bargain-hunting affluent with its gourmet foods, and a reflection of the fact food-stamp use has hit new highs.

APRIL L. BROWN/AP FILE

A customer shops for fresh produce at a Sam's Club store in Bentonville, Ark.

Costco joins warehouse-club competitor BJ's Wholesale Corp., which started taking food stamps last April, and Sam's Club, which began accepting them in fall 2008.

Up until recently, some wholesale clubs were skeptical poor people would be willing to pay the $50-a-year membership fee or would be interested in buying food in the bulk quantities for which the stores are famous.

But now, in this economy, stores are battling for every dollar and see a big potential market. The rolls of food-stamp recipients have grown by 10 million over the past two years. (AP)

$534 **THE AMOUNT, IN MILLIONS,** that has been paid so far to victims of Bernie Madoff's fraudulent investment scheme by the Securities Investors Protection Corp. The payout exceeds the combined amount from 321 previous brokerage liquidations since 1970. (AP)

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The empty San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge is seen on Wednesday. The bridge was closed after rods installed during last month's emergency repairs snapped.

Rush-Hour Scare Shuts Bay Bridge

Engineers to review Calif. structure after pieces fall on roadway

SAN FRANCISCO | The Federal Highway Administration sent engineers Wednesday to investigate what caused repairs to fail on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and drop 5,000 pounds of metal into rush-hour traffic.

The agency said it had not inspected the Labor Day weekend repairs made to the heavily used span. Engineers from the federal agency will assist the state in determining why the fixes failed Tuesday, injuring one person and damaging three cars.

High winds were hampering efforts to make repairs and reopen the bridge that carries about 280,000 cars each day.

Construction crews working through the night fought winds that gusted to 35 mph as they brought in heavy machinery to try to move the metal and make repairs.

"We have several thousand pounds of steel we have to place hundreds of feet off the deck, so worker safety is a concern," said Bart Ney, a spokesman for the state Transportation Department

There was a chance the bridge could reopen Thursday, Ney said, noting wind was a contributing factor in the failure of the rods.

Traffic was jammed on other San Francisco-area highways, as commuters looked for alternatives to the bridge.

The pieces that broke were part of major repairs done last month after crews discovered a cracked link during an earthquake safety upgrade. The rods that broke were holding a saddle-like cap that had been installed over the cracked link. (AP)

RETAIL **Thrifty Finish** The world's largest retailer wants to keep its customers even after they die. Wal-Mart has started selling caskets on its Web site at prices that undercut many funeral homes', long the major seller of caskets. (AP)

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People gather at the site of a car bombing in Peshawar, Pakistan, on Wednesday. Suspected militants set off the bomb in a market crowded with women and children.

Blast at Pakistani Market Kills 100

Suspected militants attack city in NW as Clinton visits capital

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN | Suspected militants exploded a car bomb in a market crowded with women and children Wednesday, killing 100 people and turning shops selling dresses, toys and jewelry into a mass of burning debris and bodies.

The attack in the northwestern city of Peshawar was Pakistan's deadliest since 2007 and came as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visited the country to offer support for its fight against a strengthening al-Qaeda and Taliban-led insurgency based along the Afghan border.

MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/AP

A child who was injured in the attack is rushed to the hospital on Wednesday.

Clinton was in the capital meeting Pakistani government leaders when the bomb went off in Peshawar. Her trip was not announced in advance in Pakistan.

The bomb was directed squarely at civilians, unlike many previous blasts that have targeted security forces or government or Western interests. While no one claimed responsibility, the bomb appeared aimed at undercutting public and political support for an ongoing army offensive against militants close to the frontier and showing that the government was unable to keep its people safe.

The shaky, U.S.-backed government said the blast — the latest in a series this month — had strengthened its resolve to press ahead with the assault in the South Waziristan region, a militant stronghold and a global training and operations hub for al-Qaeda.

At least 60 of the dead were women and children. Most security analysts said the attack could backfire on the insurgents and lead more people to inform on them.

The bombing just before 1:15 p.m. destroyed much of the Mina Bazaar in Peshawar's old town, a warren of narrow alleys clogged with stalls, shops and food sellers.

RIAZ KHAN AND ROBERT BURNS (AP)

Canadian Dead After Coyote Attack

TORONTO | Two coyotes attacked a Canadian woman while she was hiking alone in a national park in eastern Canada, and authorities said she died Wednesday of her injuries.

The victim was identified as Taylor Mitchell, 19, a promising singer-songwriter from Toronto who was touring her new album on the East Coast.

She was hiking solo on a trail in Cape Breton Highlands National Park in Nova Scotia on Tuesday when the attack occurred. She was airlifted to a Halifax hospital in critical condition and died Wednesday morning, authorities said. (AP)

HEARSAY | AFGHAN-CIA TIES

"I work with ... anyone who asks for my help. They [the CIA] do their own recruitment."

—AHMED WALI KARZAI, BROTHER OF THE AFGHAN PRESIDENT, ON WEDNESDAY, DENYING REPORTS THAT HE RECEIVED PAYMENTS FROM THE CIA FOR A VARIETY OF SERVICES, INCLUDING HELPING TO RECRUIT AN AFGHAN PARAMILITARY FORCE. HE CALLED THE REPORTS "RIDICULOUS."

In Brief

MOSCOW

AIDS Experts Urge New Strategy vs. Spread of HIV

AIDS experts urged Russian officials on Wednesday to scrap their abstinence-based strategy for curbing the spread of HIV, saying the country's fast-growing epidemic could be entering a dangerous new phase. The number of HIV infections in Russia has doubled in the past eight years, and there is evidence that the virus is increasingly spread by heterosexual sex. (AP)

SERGIO TORRES/AP

A worker walks on a tent covering the purported grave of poet Garcia Lorca.

ALFACAR, SPAIN

Experts Exhume Purported Grave of Poet Garcia Lorca

Forensic experts on Wednesday began exhuming a mass unmarked grave that could hold the remains of the acclaimed poet Federico Garcia Lorca in a milestone in Spain's drive to address the legacy of its 1936-39 civil war. The team started preliminary work staking out and cleaning surface soil at the site in southern Spain in preparation for digging in earnest, said Sara Gil, an archaeologist who is a member of the team. (AP)

UNITED NATIONS

Cuba's FM: Nation Wants To Have Dialogue With U.S.

Cuba is willing to hold talks with the United States "on any level," Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said Wednesday in conciliatory remarks aimed at the Obama administration. Rodriguez said in an interview with The Associated Press the island nation was waiting for a response from Washington to Cuba's offer to broaden discussions. (AP)

Taliban Kill 11 at U.N. Site in Kabul

Militants launch raid on guesthouse where dozens were staying

KABUL | Taliban militants wearing suicide vests and police uniforms stormed a guesthouse used by United Nations staff in the heart of the Afghan capital Wednesday, killing 11 people including five U.N. workers.

The two-hour attack, which began shortly before 6 a.m., sent people jumping out of windows or hopping from roof to roof to escape a fire that engulfed part of the three-story building. A man from Kansas City, Mo., said he held off gunmen with a Kalashnikov until a group of guests escaped through the laundry room.

MAJID SAEEDI/GETTY IMAGES

An Afghan policeman carries an injured man after a Taliban attack on a United Nations guesthouse in Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday. Eleven people were killed.

At least 25 U.N. staff were staying at the guesthouse, most of them advisers for the Nov. 7 runoff vote.

It was the biggest in a series of attacks intended to undermine next month's presidential runoff vote.

A Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility for the assaults, which included rocket attacks at the presidential palace and the city's main luxury hotel. The Taliban have warned Afghans to stay away from the polls or risk attacks.

The chief of the United Nations' mission in Afghanistan, Kai Eide, said the attack "will not deter the U.N. from continuing all its work" in the country.

One of the dead was an American, the U.S. Embassy said.

John Christopher "Chris" Turner, a trucker from Kansas City, said the attackers appeared well organized and were able to penetrate the building, located on a residential street.

Turner said 40 people were staying at the guesthouse, of whom about 25 took refuge in the laundry room at the back of the building under his protection. AMIR SHAH AND RAHIM FAIEZ (AP)

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World

EU Seizes Seven Somali Pirates

Flotilla also searches for British couple who may be held captive

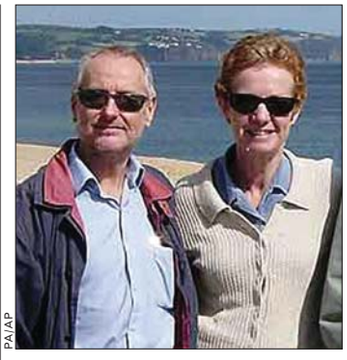
NAIROBI, KENYA | European Union naval forces captured seven Somali pirates after they tried to take over a French fishing vessel, which repulsed the attack with gunfire, officials said Wednesday.

The international flotilla also searched for a British yachting couple thought to have been taken by pirates, who are holding more than 170 hostages from at least seven vessels along the Somali coast.

Relatives of the British couple — Paul Chandler, 59, and Rachel Chandler, 55 — pleaded with their possible captors to end the family's "bad dream."

"If I was to give a message to the pirates, I'd say, 'You've got the wrong people,'" said Jill Marshment, the sister of Paul Chandler, Britain's Press Association reported.

Pirates in two skiffs fired on the French fishing boat about 350 miles east of the Somali capital of Mogadishu on Tuesday, said Cmdr. John Harbour of the European Union Naval Force.



PA/AP

Paul and Rachel Chandler may have been captured by pirates near Somalia.

French military personnel aboard the trawler, the Cape Saint Vincent, returned fire, French military spokesman Rear Adm. Christophe Prazuck said. It did not appear that any of the shots hit the pirates, he said.

A German warship was dispatched to the scene, as was a helicopter, which fired warning shots at the pirates, who then were seen throwing items overboard. Once the warship arrived, seven pirates were detained, the EU Naval Force said. JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

ENGLAND | HUNGRY HALLOWEEN

MATT CARDY/GETTY IMAGES

NO MEERKAT MANNERS: Meerkats examine and eat a carved pumpkin in their enclosure at the Bristol Zoo Gardens in Bristol, England, on Wednesday.

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Collaboration with teachers	☑	☑	☑	☐
Respect for teachers	☑	☑	☑	☐

"The New Haven school district has just completed a new teacher contract, with union support, that includes many of the best reform ideas."
—David Brooks, *New York Times,* Oct. 23, 2009

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—Jerry Bernstein, *Los Cerritos Community News,* Oct. 16, 2009

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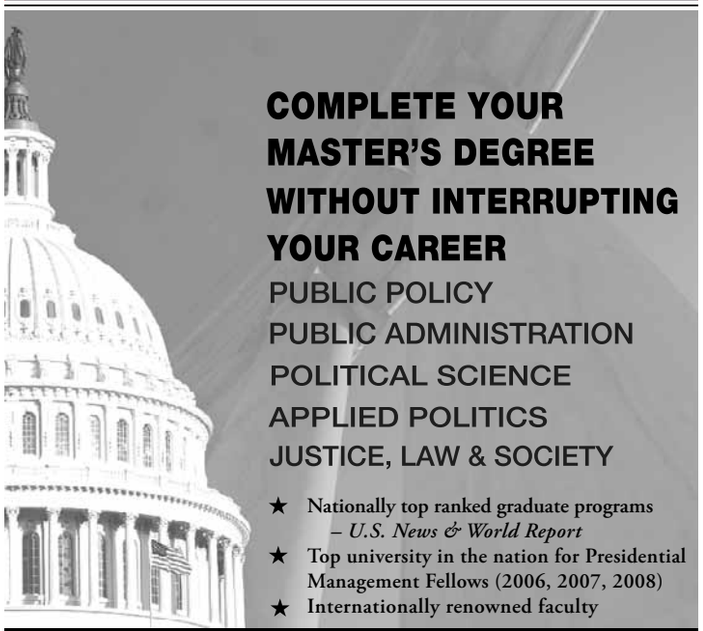

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The City of London Cemetery is rapidly running out of space to bury the dead.

Londoners Confront a Grave Crisis

City plans to reuse old burial spots to cope with overcrowded soil

LONDON | So, you think London — population 8 million — is crowded with the living?

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> **"A lot of people say, 'I'm not putting my dad in a secondhand grave.'"**
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> —GARY BURKS
> CITY OF LONDON CEMETERY

In much of Britain, reusing old graves remains illegal, but the City of London Cemetery is exploiting a legal loophole that allows graves with remaining space in them to be reclaimed after 75 years.

Gary Burks, superintendent and registrar of the City of London Cemetery, said reusing graves will buy the cemetery six or seven more years of burials.

"We are doing our damnedest to make the cemetery more sustainable," he said. JILL LAWLESS (AP)

D.C. School Dresses Up for Audit

Educators pull out all the stops to get kids in class for head count

On Wednesday morning, the students at Brent Elementary School on Capitol Hill gave class presentations about their firefighter, shark and princess costumes. In the afternoon, they paraded to a neighboring park to the applause of their parents.

But in between, they took part in much more serious business — a head count by independent auditors that will help determine whether the D.C. schools have staunched decades of enrollment decline, a development that many think would have deep importance as a marker of Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee's reforms.

MARVIN JOSEPH/TWP

From left to right: Sage Remo, Danny Page, Isabella Townsend and Amhad Isaac (as Michael Jackson) pose for pictures at Brent Elementary School in Southeast.

"We made a big push" to get students into classrooms Wednesday, said Brent principal Cheryl Wilhoyte.

The counts have big implications for the system as a whole. The numbers at each school affect how many educators principals can hire, and how much money they have to spend on materials and the basics of teaching.

Underenrolled schools risk being stripped of staff or even being shut down completely. MICHAEL BIRNBAUM (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Judge Pleads Guilty to Vehicle Tampering in Md.

LA PLATA, MD. | A Maryland judge was fined $500 for tampering with a vehicle after he entered a guilty plea Wednesday at the courthouse where he usually presides.

Charles County Circuit Judge Robert C. Nalley apologized for deflating the tire of a cleaning woman who parked in a restricted zone at the courthouse. He said he was ashamed of the conduct and "embarrassed for the community."

Nalley could face sanctions from Maryland's Commission on Judicial Disabilities. (AP)

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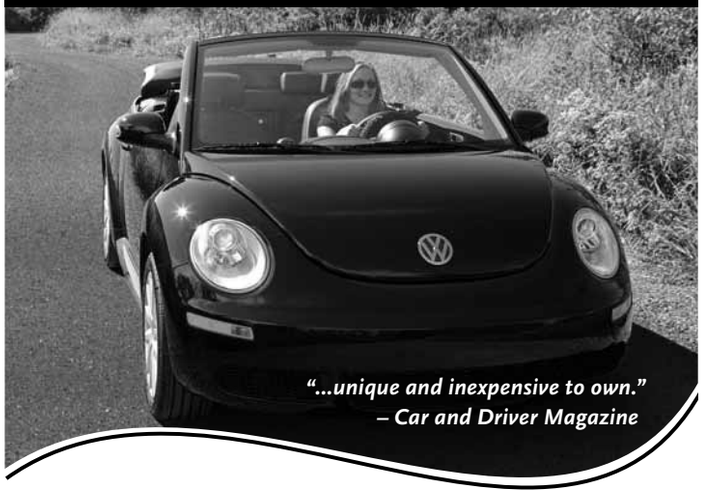

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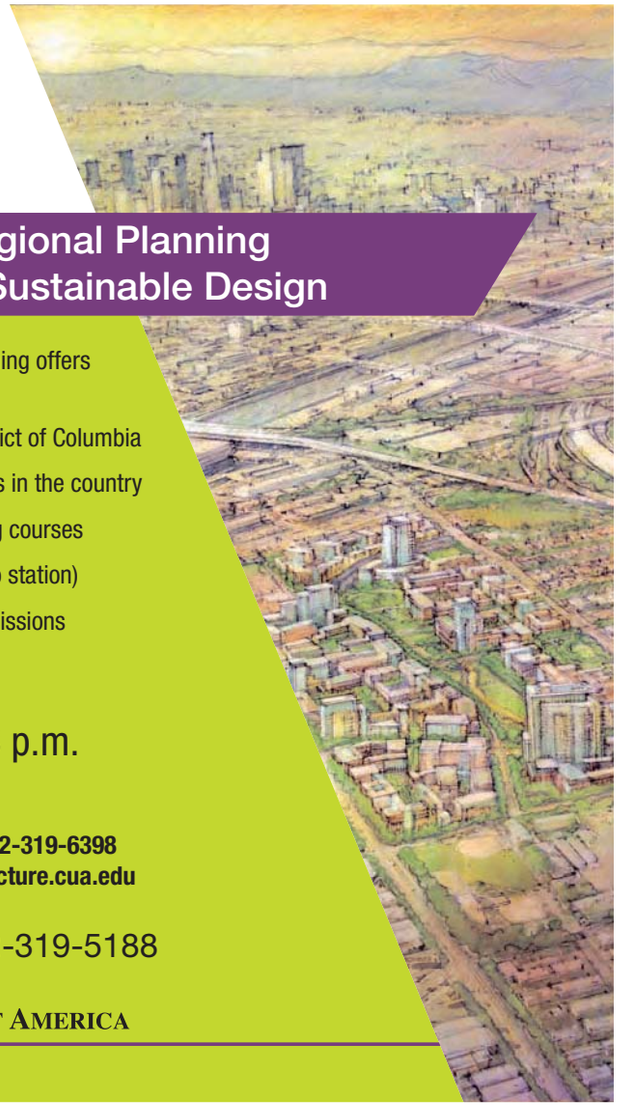

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Local

Cucinelli Cast as Extremist

GOP candidate for Virginia AG criticized for views about gays

Stephen C. Shannon, the Democratic candidate for Virginia attorney general, stepped up his effort to paint Republican opponent State Sen. Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II as an extremist Wednesday by accusing him of planning to discriminate against gays and lesbians who work in the Office of the Attorney General.

In a telephone call with reporters, Shannon cited comments Cuccinelli made to the editorial board of the Virginian-Pilot newspaper of Norfolk, which quoted the Republican as saying that homosexual acts are "intrinsically wrong" and violate "natural law" — and that this view should be appropriately reflected in state policies.

Cucinelli

Cuccinelli made the remarks, according to the Pilot, when asked for his views on the state's nondiscrimination policy toward gays and lesbians.

"I happen to think that it represents ... behavior that is not healthy to an individual and in aggregate is not healthy to society," Cuccinelli was quoted as saying.

Shannon called on Cuccinelli to apologize to "hardworking Virginians;" he also called for Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell to denounce Cuccinelli's statements.

AMY GARDNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | A PATCHWORK ORANGE

BILL O'LEARY/TWP

FESTIVE FOLIAGE: Leaves have turned bright orange on this ornamental tree planted in the median of New Hampshire Avenue in Northwest. Temperatures reached 73 degrees in the region Wednesday, a day after rain soaked the area.

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Oct. 28

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-9-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	5-5-1
Mid-day DC 4	0-2-0-3
Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	8-2-8-5
Mid-day D.C. Five	0-5-8-0-6
Evening D.C. Five (Tues.)	6-4-2-9-1
Daily 6 (Tues.)	5-10-23-33-37-39 (26)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	3-9-8
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	7-3-7
Mid-day Pick 4	5-3-5-9
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	2-3-2-3
Match 5 (Tues.)	3-11-15-16-38 (10)

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	9-2-8
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	9-1-1
Mid-day Pick 4	1-3-5-9
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	2-6-3-6
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Goodell Grilled Over Head Injuries

NFL commissioner doesn't link on-field woes to brain disease

FOOTBALL | NFL commissioner Roger Goodell would not acknowledge a connection between head injuries on the football field and later brain diseases while defending the league's policies on concussions before Congress.

Under sometimes-contentious questioning from lawmakers — and suggestions about reconsidering the league's lucrative antitrust exemption — Goodell sat at a witness table Wednesday alongside NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith. Both men agreed to turn over players' medical records to the House Judiciary Committee.

Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., asked Goodell whether he thinks there's an injury-disease link. Goodell responded that the NFL isn't waiting for that debate to play out and is taking steps to make the game safer.

"I just asked you a simple question. What is the answer?" persisted Conyers.

CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Roger Goodell sits at a hearing on head injuries as ex-NFL player Brent Boyd, who suffers headaches, sits behind him.

Goodell replied by saying a medical expert could give a better answer than he could.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., whose husband played in the NFL, asked Goodell how the league was addressing the welfare of retired players during current collective bargaining negotiations with the union.

Goodell said that it's a "priority for the owners and players to take better care of our retired players," but Waters cut him off, demanding specifics. (AP)

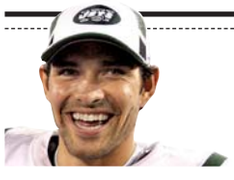
UNITED UNREST

A bogus handball call in the season opener, a blown 90th-minute lead in the finale and a host of close calls in between: D.C. United can point to any one of them as the reason it missed the MLS playoffs for the second-straight season. But the truth is that the team simply wasn't good enough. Now a club that still fancies itself American soccer's flagship — yet has missed the post-season five times this decade — must address a few critical issues this winter. BRIAN STRAUS

1 COACH TOM SOEHN
No coach has managed D.C. for more than three years, and Soehn's are up. United hasn't decided whether to renew his contract — The Washington Post reported a decision will be made within a month. He won two trophies during his tenure but now has missed the playoffs twice. This season, key players publicly questioned his tactics and lineup choices.

2 GM DAVE KASPER
Each club handles its player identification and acquisition differently — D.C. involves President Kevin Payne, the GM and the coach. Kasper has been on board since 2002 and can point to successes such as the 2009 draft that produced Chris Pontius and Rodney Wallace, and failures such as the disastrous South American signings last year. Kasper's inconsistency surely will be addressed.

3 VETERAN OVERHAUL
Jaime Moreno and Ben Olsen, above, are the faces of the franchise. Luciano Emilio and Christian Gomez are former MVPs, and Fred has tantalized D.C. fans with moments of brilliance. They're all past their peak and account for nearly 60 percent of United's payroll. If United wants to head in a new direction, the future of the aforementioned five must be the first thing considered.



NFL **He Relished This Opportunity** Mark Sanchez is hot-doggin' it again. This time, the New York Jets' rookie quarterback isn't sneaking a snack on the sideline, though. Sanchez bought 500 hot dogs and 500 hamburgers, along with buns and rolls, through A&P supermarket, and donated them to the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown, N.J. Sanchez was grilled Sunday after he was caught trying to discreetly put mustard on a hot dog and eat it late in New York's 38-0 win at Oakland. He later apologized. (AP)

In Brief

STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGE

Jake Delhomme celebrates during a win over the Redskins this season.

NFL

Carolina Sticking With Mistake-Prone Delhomme

Jake Delhomme will remain Carolina's starting quarterback despite an NFL-high 13 interceptions in six games. Coach John Fox announced after practice Wednesday that he still thinks Delhomme gives the Panthers "the best chance to win" and won't bench him for Sunday's game at Arizona, something he contemplated earlier in the week. (AP)

BASEBALL

Dodgers Owner Opposes Wife's Push to Regain Job

Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt on Wednesday filed papers opposing his wife's demand to be reinstated as the team's chief executive, citing insubordination and an affair she allegedly had with her bodyguard. The documents were submitted one day after Jamie McCourt filed divorce papers seeking to regain her $2 million-a-year job. (AP)

NFL

Dolphins Receiver Ginn Is Mum on Potential Benching

Dolphins receiver Ted Ginn Jr.'s status as a starter has become a hot topic, although he's not contributing to the conversation. Ginn has yet to speak to the media since his poor performance Sunday in a loss to New Orleans. He didn't line up with the first team during the portion of Wednesday's practice open to the media, raising speculation about a lineup change. (AP)

Sports

Swine Flu Sidelines Caps Forward Laing

Team takes actions to guard against the spread of the virus

CAPITALS | Washington Capitals left wing Quintin Laing has been diagnosed with the H1N1 virus, commonly known as swine flu, a team official confirmed Wednesday..

Laing, who was sent home upon arriving at the team's Arlington practice facility Tuesday morning and missed his first game of the season that night, is taking antivirus drug Tamiflu and resting, a team spokesman said. He is being kept isolated from his wife and two infant sons and won't return to the team until he is symptom-free in an effort to prevent the spread of the flu. The team, which is taking actions to prevent the virus from spreading, said no one else was exhibiting symptoms of swine flu.

Laing is thought to be the fourth NHL player to be diagnosed with H1N1. Edmonton's Ladislav Smid, Colorado's Peter Budaj and Doug Weight of the New York Islanders have also been diagnosed with the virus, according to media reports. TARIK EL-BASHIR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

FENCING | SWORDSMEN GET TO THE POINT

RAUL ARBOLEDA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

EN GUARD: Brazil's Athos Schwantes duels Argentina's Marcelo Mendez in Tuesday's South American Championship IX Fencing semifinals in Colombia.

Cooley Seeks Quick Return After Surgery

REDSKINS | Tight end Chris Cooley underwent successful surgery on the broken bone in his lower right leg Wednesday morning, a Redskins spokesman said, and if there are no setbacks, the Pro Bowler could be back in a month.

If things go as planned, Cooley could miss just four weeks, a much rosier prognosis than originally provided by coach Jim Zorn, who expected to place Cooley on season-ending injured reserve sometime this week. The new timetable could have Cooley back for a Nov. 29 game at Philadelphia. BARRY SVRLUGA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Sports

Terps LB Keeps Fighting

Wujciak's strong play, attitude have been a bright spot for UMd.

TERPS FOOTBALL | The Alex Wujciak who roams the halls of the Gossett Team House during the week looks nothing like the linebacker who steps on the field on Saturday afternoons.

After midweek practices, Wujciak walks less like the 21-year-old collegiate athlete he is and more like an old man with bones and joints worn down by life. The massive ice packs strapped to each leg are a regular accessory and, indeed, he has already undergone multiple knee surgeries — for a torn anterior cruciate ligament that cost him the 2007 season and another procedure that kept him out of spring practice this year.

"There's days we try to hold him back and he's upset because he can't practice," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "He's that type of kid. Today, you don't find a lot like that."

NELL REDMOND/AP

Alex Wujciak, right, is thought of as a "throwback" because he plays so hard.

On the field, Wujciak loses the ice packs and any trace of the hobble. He averages double digits in tackles — second in the ACC this season and best on the team for the second-straight year — and has been one of the few bright spots on a defense that has struggled to keep opponents out of the end zone.

Maryland (2-6, 1-3 in the ACC) is allowing an ACC-worst 31.6 points per game and has lost three-straight games entering the bye week. "I feel bad for the fans," Wujciak said. "Let them know we're going to keep fighting."

The Terrapins enter the bye week still smarting from a loss to perennial ACC doormat Duke and facing the possibility that things might not get better during the remaining four games: road games against North Carolina State and Florida State, and home games against Virginia Tech and Boston College.

In times like these, Friedgen said, he's thankful for a player like Wujciak, who he calls "inspirational." "He's kind of a throwback," the coach said. "Sometimes he's beat up after games, but yet he comes out and plays every week. He loves the game of football; he loves to compete." DEREK TURNER

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WORLD SERIES (7:30 P.M. ON FOX) The Phillies turn to Pedro Martinez against the Yankees in Game 2.

HOKIES FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Virginia Tech isn't dreaming of a national title against North Carolina.

CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Caps play Atlanta for the second time in a week.

NBA (8 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON TNT) The Bulls host the Spurs, and the Nuggets are at the Trail Blazers.

SOCCER (9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Seattle hosts Houston in the MLS playoffs.

Late Baseball

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Sports

Agassi Admits Meth Use

Tennis legend comes clean about his drug problem in new book

TENNIS | Andre Agassi's upcoming autobiography contains an admission he used crystal meth in 1997 and failed a drug test — a result thrown out after he lied by saying he "unwittingly" took the substance.

According to an excerpt of the autobiography "Open" published Wednesday in the Times of London, the eight-time Grand Slam champion writes that he sent a letter to the ATP tour to explain the positive test, saying he accidentally drank from a soda spiked by his assistant "Slim."

RON FREHM/AP

Andre Agassi is seen in 1997, when, he said, he lied about using crystal meth.

"Then I come to the central lie of the letter," Agassi writes. "I say that recently I drank accidentally from one of Slim's spiked sodas, unwittingly ingesting his drugs. I ask for understanding and leniency and hastily sign it: Sincerely. I feel ashamed, of course. I promise myself that this lie is the end of it."

The International Tennis Federation said it was "surprised and disappointed" by the revelations.

Agassi, who is married to Steffi Graf and has two children, retired in 2006. Excerpts from his autobiography, which comes out Nov. 9, are being published this week in the London newspaper, and in Sports Illustrated and People magazines. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL **Harsh Penalty** Oklahoma State star wide receiver Dez Bryant will remain suspended for the rest of the season for lying to NCAA investigators about his relationship with Deion Sanders. The NCAA ruled Tuesday Bryant will not be eligible to play till September 2010, possibly bringing his college career to an end if he enters the NFL draft. (AP)

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Award-winning video artist and writer Joan Braderman chronicles the feminist influence in art and life in her latest film, "The Heretics," an insider's look into the New York artists' collective that produced "Heresies: A Feminist Publication on Art and Politics" in the mid-1970s. Beginning with Braderman's transition from aspiring filmmaker to collective co-founder, the film tracks the group's response to the transformative social changes brought about by the civil rights movement and second-wave feminism.

A Washington, D.C., native, Braderman is currently a professor of media arts at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass. She will appear Friday at American University's Katzen Arts Center to show and discuss the film.

Is "The Heretics" purely autobiographical?

No. I use the narrative format as a kind of framing device because I think it's easier to get into a movie when you have somebody to identify with. It's really about the second wave and one of its greatest successes: the impact on the way art is made today.

How did second-wave feminism change the way art is made?

Women, through sheer number and force, began finding the strength and the capacity to express their views of life — and their very unique experiences of life that the second wave brought about — which forced the art world to become much more multilayered. It also allowed many more forms of art to eventually become accepted; things like performance art and installation, which have lots of voices instead of a single voice like that of a great painter or a great sculptor.

> "I wanted to show a large group of women who were funny and sexy and smart."

At that time, the Western art world had become dominated by these kind of isms and paradigms of what was good art and what wasn't — much of which was not very in touch with what people understood or cared about. And when women started making art in large numbers, they were expressing experiences that just couldn't get summed up in a color field painting or a big pile of rocks or one brick, like conceptual art or minimalism.

So, women weren't necessarily injecting a feminist viewpoint into the art world, just engaging that world more?

COURTESY NO MORE NICE GIRLS FILMS

Joan Braderman

DIRECTOR OF "THE HERETICS"

Yeah. Lots of women were demanding the right to be heard and becoming each other's living audiences. The whole field got reactivated. It took a large body of women to awaken new possibilities in art and demand the space to show that art in.

Why did you want to make "The Heretics"?

I wanted to show a large group of women who were funny and sexy and smart ... and excited about their work. Plus, I want people to come away with a different idea of what a feminist was rather than what has been taught the next generation by the dominant media, which pictures us as having been these strident, hairy, doggy girls.

In my experience, the second wave was filled with as many kinds of women as there are women. That was also the moment for collectives — and one profoundly shaped by the bravery and path-breaking efforts of African-Americans and civil rights workers. When they had the courage to say that they counted, it seemed like maybe we counted, too.

What do you make of post-'80s third-wave feminism, which is more individualistic?

Feminism is a movement that comes back in cycles every couple of generations. ... I see it as a continuing process; a long story of women fighting for equality. I've been teaching for 31 years now and when the riot grrrls came along, I was delighted to see them, I must say.

Every period has its own voice; different kinds of women standing up for themselves. Whether dancing or at the barricades, I'm for it!

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In 'Adding Machine,' murder is a weapon against technology

STAGE | The numbers in "Adding Machine: A Musical," by Joshua Schmidt and Jason Loewith, aren't the kind likely to become breakaway hits or even stick in your head.

Certainly not "The Party," in which a group of neighbors displays unusual facility with racial epithets. Or "Zero's Confession," in which the musical's lead character unleashes the inner turmoil, then rage, that spurs him to violence.

But Studio Theatre 2nd Stage's production (directed by Loewith) of the darkly comedic update of a 1923 play features bravura performances from its actors, who are tasked with playing some truly despicable people.

The misogynistic Mr. Zero (David Benoit), fed up with his nagging and nattering wife (Joanne Schmoll), heads to his monotonous accounting job on his 25th anniversary at the company, expecting to be promoted to the front office. Instead, the Boss (Dan Via) blithely informs him of his termination. His replacement: an adding machine.

SCOTT SUCHMAN

David Benoit stars as the unhappy — and eventually murderous — Mr. Zero.

Zero snaps, murders the boss and lands on death row, where he meets Shrdlu (Stephen Gregory Smith), a cherubic religious zealot and fellow murderer. "The Gospel According to Shrdlu" marks the musical's most engaging moment, between Smith's performance and Loewith's clever set direction.

Ultimately, the show is about Zero and his "journey," and Benoit proves an immensely talented and imposing figure. He leads a cast of skilled actors who add depth even when they're in the background; it's one of those shows where it pays to watch the whole stage.

ERIN TROMPETER

➜ *Studio Theatre, Stage 4, 1501 14th St. NW; through Nov. 8, $57-$71; 202-332-3300; studiotheatre.org.*

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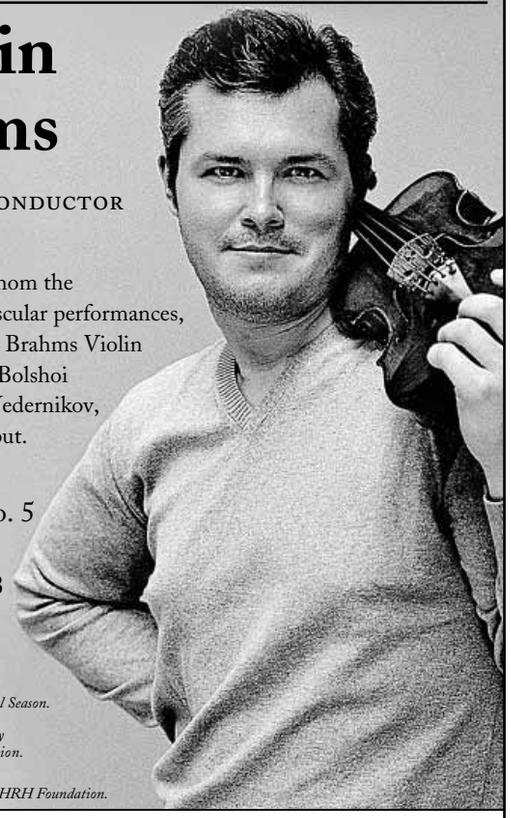

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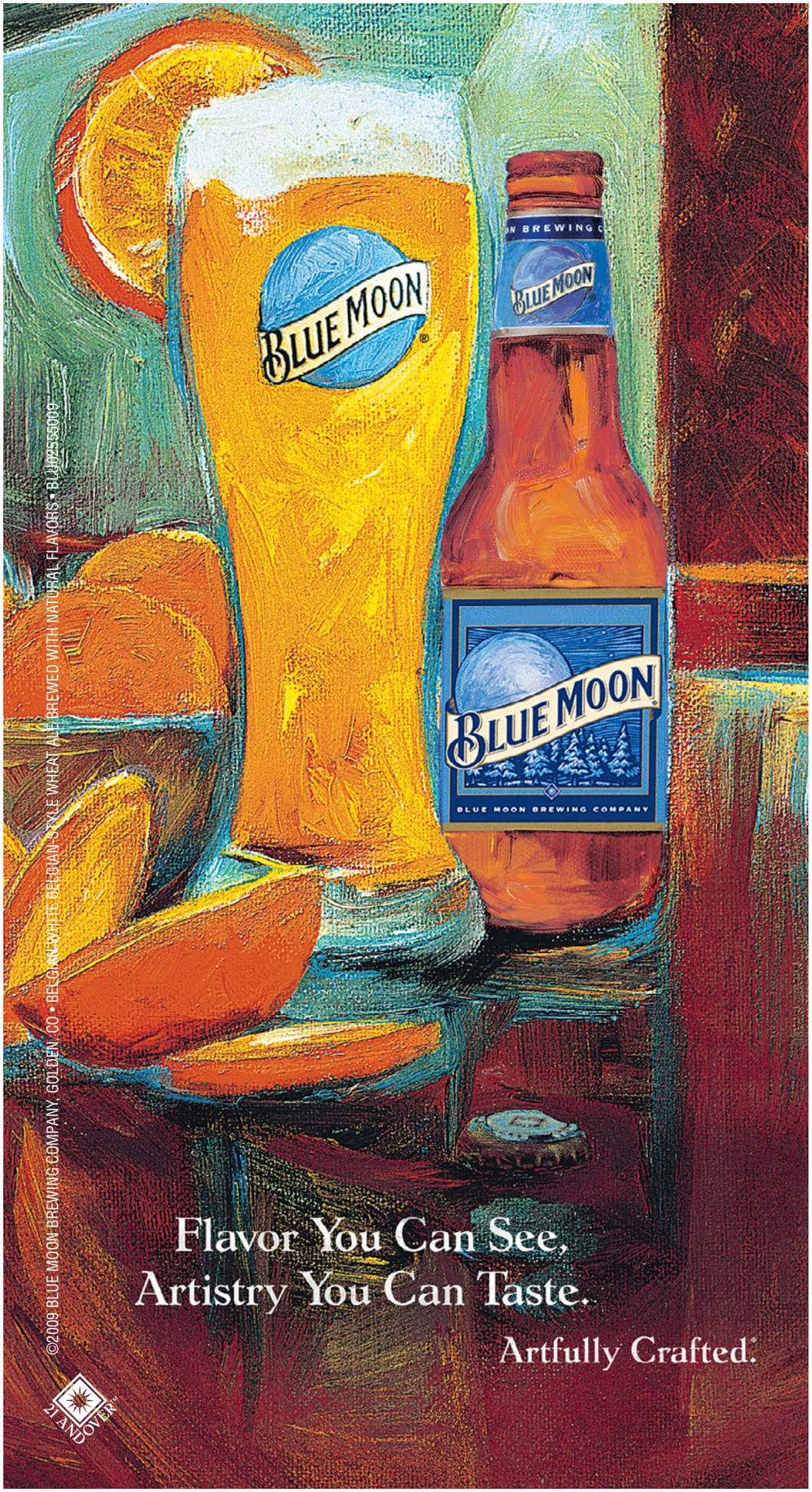

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COURTESY VELVET HAMMER MUSIC AND MANAGEMENT GROUP

Eric Bobo, B-Real and Sen Dog of Cypress Hill draw upon their experiences growing up in a violent part of East Los Angeles.

HAUNTED HILL

When hip-hop party band Cypress Hill performs live, it sure does light up a joint

MUSIC | Cypress Hill would regularly perform on Halloween at the 9:30 Club. And why not? If the haunted holiday ever had its own theme song, Cypress' Sen Dog thinks it should be the band's 1993' mega-hit, "Insane in the Brain."

"That should be played all day on Halloween," said Sen. "C'mon. It's the one day you can dress up and act like a freak if you want."

The band is best known for its slow-rolling drum-and-bass loops and funky-stark grooves that have an eerily stoned feel. Cypress uses spooky effects, such as the sound of pouring raindrops, which go well with the band's gloomy album titles — "Black Sunday," "Temples of Boom," "Skull & Bones" — and their talk of paranoia, insanity, fearing the reaper, etc. And while dark themes rule on Halloween, Cypress Hill can also rock hard on tracks featuring high-energy, rapid-fire rock riffs.

Cypress Hill is notorious for its live shows — stunts such as having a gigantic inflated Buddha doll as a stage prop and the band's percussionist Eric Bobo smoking out of an 8-foot-tall bong (dubbed King Arthur). Its lyrics deal with parodied versions of the violent street life of Cypress Avenue in South Gate, East Los Angeles, and, of course, the trio's obsessive advocacy for legalizing marijuana.

Their vocals are just as eccentric with lead lyricist B-Real's (Louis Freese) exaggeratedly nasal high-pitched whine, and Sen's (Senen Reyes) mostly shouting his equally exaggerated deep booming "psycho beta tone" raps. The genesis of the polar opposite vocals came when the two were working on a demo.

While the band's style and beats were well received, some weren't thrilled with B-Real's normal voice.

"My voice didn't cut through the music like it should; it sounded average, nothing distinct about it," said B-Real. "I was asked to change it up, so I locked into that nasal vocal tone and Sen created the 'whoo-whoo' deep tones to complement mine. It was kinda like Public Enemy, but inside out."

> "['Insane in the Brain'] should be played all day on Halloween. C'mon. It's the one day you can dress up and act like a freak if you want."

Indeed. Public Enemy's lead vocals come from the deep-voiced and physically imposing Chuck D, while Flava Flav sports giant sunglasses and a clock, and serves as comic foil. With Cypress, despite his high-pitched vocals, B-Real serves as the aggressor backing up the violent themes.

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"That's the dark humor about it," said B-Real, laughing. "I sound like a squirt trying to talk big. I think people trip out of it, because you have this crazy-ass voice talking some crazy-ass stuff. I think it was [an expletive] for people, but in a good way."

Cypress' self-titled debut 1991 album had the bass-heavy, violent-filled "Hand on the Pump" and "How I Could Just Kill a Man," but it was the track "Hole in the Head" that featured the verse that would later become the chorus for "Insane." DJ Muggs (Lawrence Muggerud), whose production work was instrumental to the band's success, found inspiration in the title phrase and came up with the track's hypnotic beat.

"When I heard Muggs' beat, I was like, 'Wow, this stuff is crazy,'" said B-Real. "It's like a magnet, a bounce — you go to the show and we could just picture everybody jumping, mosh-pitting, stage-diving."

And that's just what the fans did, transcending Cypress Hill from buzz-worthy rappers to breakout superstars with the track and critically claimed 1993 album "Black Sunday." The album was loaded with odes to ganja and sprinkled with rock elements, initiating a strong following among rock audiences.

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"The imagery of our work has always been dark and mysterious like metal albums, and our attitude was real non-give-[an expletive]-ish like punk rock," said B-Real. "Our music was hip-hop at the base, though. After Run-DMC, we were the band in the forefront of making the hip-hop and metal connection."

The trio's work in the hip-hop world alone has earned them the VH1 Hip-Hop Honors in 2008, the first for a Latin rap group. They've also become the first Latin rap group to have platinum and multi-platinum albums.

"At the end of the day, we want to leave a strong legacy, and people can say Cypress was a kick-ass band," said Sen.

Like its 2000 hit "(Rock) Superstar," the band continues to tour and party like rock stars, and its new album, "Rise Up" — the first in five years — is set to be released shortly. But after having sold more than 20 million records and approaching 20 years in the game, a rarity in hip-hop, how much longer can Cypress go?

"People used to call us the Grateful Dead of hip-hop," said B-Real. "In about 10 years, they're going to call us the Rolling Stones of hip-hop." ALFREDO FLORES

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SANDLIN GAITHER

Vic Chesnutt's music ranges in style from recording to recording, and his list of collaborators is equally versatile and diverse.

A Willy-Nilly Life

Singer Vic Chesnutt continues crafting a career-long series of smart collaborations

MUSIC | One of the most original and perplexing songwriters to rise out of the South in the last 20 years, ornery Georgian Vic Chesnutt has made 16 distinctive albums, all of them with different musicians including Widespread Panic, Michael Stipe and Van Dyke Parks.

Still, he insists that these collaborations don't reflect a conscious effort: "I never had a big plan for my career. I'm absolutely the worst planner there is. I just fall into things. That's what's happened my whole career. I went flitting willy-nilly from thing to thing."

Chesnutt continues to flit this fall, releasing not one but two albums with different personnel.

One of them, "a pretty raw little record" called "Skitter on Take-off," was produced by Jonathan Richman live in the studio. The other, "At the Cut," was recorded with D.C. hardcore legend Guy Picciotto and members of the Toronto post-rock ensemble Thee Silver Mt. Zion, who worked with him on "North Star Deserter" in 2007.

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Described by Chesnutt as a "hallucinated memoir," the latter ponders family, loss and inspiration in a roundabout way, but this portrait of the artist as a not-so-young-man is one of his best efforts this decade.

"At the Cut" is also a rarity in Chesnutt's catalog — a second record with the same group. When they recorded "North Star Deserter," "I didn't know any of those people except for Guy," he says. "But we went on tour together and got to know each other, and we knew that we had to make another album together. We felt like a band instead of an art project."

But Chesnutt notes a huge difference between the band onstage and the band live. "The record, where powerful, really doesn't do the band justice," he says, in obvious awe. "Holy moly; this is the most powerful band that there can be." STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., $13; 202-667-4490, blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

Classics, Straight Ahead

Traffic co-founder Dave Mason tunes up for a new tour

COURTESY OUT OF THE BOX RECORDS

Classic rock legend Dave Mason describes himself as "at his peak."

MUSIC | Dave Mason may be one of classic rock's unsung heroes. As a teenager in the 1960s, he co-founded Traffic with Steve Winwood and recorded with Jimi Hendrix, the Stones and George Harrison. In the '70s, he scored a handful of hits as a solo artist, and two decades later, he joined Fleetwood Mac.

"I was fortunate to be around and get next to some significant people," the guitarist says of his career. "It was a learning experience."

Despite an impressive résumé, Mason says it has become difficult for older musicians to get material out to new fans. "In the media, they're not exactly clambering for 63-year-old Rock and Roll Hall of Fame guys, no matter how good the music is," he explains.

"For an artist like me — a classic artist performing at his peak — there's not a lot of ways to let people know you've got something new out there, which is unfortunate."

Mason's something new is "26 Letters and 12 Notes," his first album of new material in more than 20 years. The collection spans an impressive range of styles, features guests like Willie Nelson and Sheila E, and showcases his inventive yet restrained guitar work.

Interest from a friend's label in Chicago led to a release in 2008 and strong reviews for his comeback, as well as a lengthy tour to showcase the new material alongside old favorites. At his shows, Mason says, "there's no flash. It's just straight-ahead good music. I just try to send people out of the theater in a better mood than they were in before." STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

➜ *State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; Sun., 8 p.m., $23; 703-237-0300, thestatetheatre.com. (East Falls Church)*

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SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Breakout star Carey Mulligan plays the blossoming Jenny in "An Education."

Learning the Hard Way

Lauded at film festivals and finally opening in D.C., "An Education" is a sneakily smart coming-of-age story. Girl on the brink Jenny (Carey Mulligan) perhaps wittingly invites chaos and dark maturity into her life in the form of David (Peter Sarsgaard) in early-'60s London. Written by Nick Hornby, director Lone Scherfig's film explores themes of forking paths, class distinctions and individuation, and Mulligan's performance has already made her an actress to watch.

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The Undead, Live

F.W. Murnau's definitive non-sexy vampire chiller starred Max Schreck and scared the living wits out of silent-era audiences. "Nosferatu" is no less haunting today, especially when accompanied by the creepy live stylings of the Silent Orchestra, the D.C.-based composer/musician duo who will perform their original score for the film, as they do every year during this spooky season, when it screens at AFI Silver on Friday.

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A Boosh Too Far

A BBC TV series that made rock stars out of its comedic leads lands on our shores

DVD | What exactly is a boosh, and what makes this one so mighty?

Those are two questions unanswered — nay, ignored — during the four series of the comedy television show "The Mighty Boosh," which is immensely popular in the U.K. and a cult phenomenon over here.

Reminiscent of "The Young Ones" and "Monty Python's Flying Circus," "Boosh" is known for its trippy set pieces, anarchic plotlines and wide cultural spray, not to mention the chemistry between its two leads, Julian Barratt and Noel Fielding.

"The Mighty Boosh" began first as a stand-up routine in the late 1990s, then transformed into a stage show, then a radio broadcast and, finally, in 2004, a TV series on BBC Three. Sporting a natty mustache, Barratt plays Howard Moon, a nerdishly imposing "jazz maverick," and Fielding plays Vincent Noir, the self-proclaimed "King of the Mods" who sports a hairdo like Rod Stewart's in 1973 and one of the slyest grins in television. Supporting characters include a shaman and a gorilla.

JACK BARNES

Julian Barratt fights back as "jazz maverick" Howard Moon, and Noel Fielding plays peacock as "King of the Mods" Vincent Noir in the TV series "The Mighty Boosh."

"The Mighty Boosh" drops Moon and Noir into different scenarios, as if constantly redefining the show. In the first and best, they work at a rundown zoo, where they box kangaroos and get lost in the jungle exhibition. Subsequently, they become London layabouts, space travelers and shopkeeps.

That sense of oddball non sequitur extends to BBC's new seven-DVD set, which includes all four series as well as a stockpile of extras. The packaging is decorated with crayon scrawls of what appears to be a masked wrestler or an electrocuted skull — the show's obscure mascot. Also, there are stickers. And trading cards.

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The show has a tendency to drag whenever it gets away from Moon and Noir, which is often. They're the series' heart, with a genial rapport and good-natured humor that are always endearing. Maybe that's what a boosh is.

STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 | Paranormal Activity

This genuinely chilling, low-budget indie is purposely amateurish but disturbing. JEN CHANEY

2 | Saw VI

The gruesome franchise hacks on, winning audiences but not critics. Needless to say, the film was not screened for review.

3 | Where the Wild Things Are

Spike Jonze creates a big, weird, richly imagined universe that will please those who understand that adaptations destroy as much as they build. ANN HORNADAY

4 | Law Abiding Citizen

A preposterous exercise in high-minded brutality, "Law Abiding Citizen" plays like a snuff film with our nation's legal system as the victim. DAN KOIS

5 | Couples Retreat

"Couples Retreat" coasts on comic fumes, relying on foreign accents, racial stereotypes, lemon sharks and Speedos to supply the funny. DAN ZAK

6 | Astro Boy

Despite its mid-20th-century pedigree, "Astro Boy" is almost defiantly a movie of today — loud, sometimes violent, with a sweetly ecological message. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

7 | The Stepfather

A psychopath courts and murders single women with kids in this predictable but creepy remake of the 1987 shocker. JANE HORWITZ

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

SHATTERED PEACE: The haunted "Paranormal Activity" couple reign at theaters.

8 | Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant

While the film celebrates the creative and boasts colorful characters, it's bland and dull. DESSON THOMSON

9 | Cloudy With a Chance Of Meatballs

To anyone loyal to the original picture book, this movie might feel like a betrayal, but any moviegoers possessed of funny bones will laugh their fool heads off. DAN KOIS

10 | Zombieland

Try to dwell on the laughs in this horror comedy and don't question the plot holes. RUTH MCCANN

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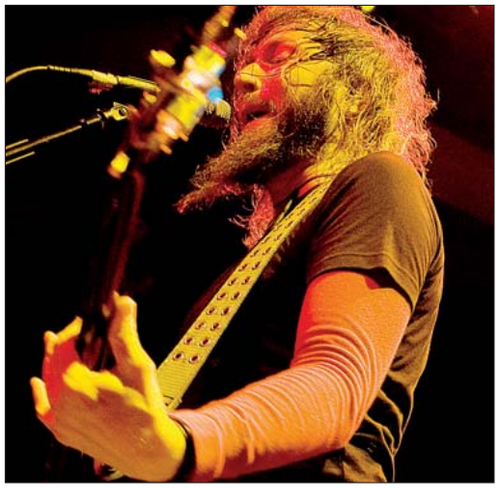

2 Get Heavy

Rock doesn't stomp louder than this: A double bill of Mastodon, left, and the Adult Swim cartoon band Dethklok induces bleeding ears and heavy metal ecstasy at the Patriot Center on Halloween night. Come as a sweaty, beer-soaked headbanger. Oh ...

➜ *Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax, Va.; Sat., 6:30 p.m., $35; 800-551-7328, patriotcenter.com.*

GRAEME B. SHAW

4 Synetic's Fang-oria

What better time than Halloween weekend to sink your teeth into Synetic Theater's dark, sexy and dramatic "Dracula"? The local company uses its signature blend of theater and dance to tell Bram Stoker's eternally resonant story of the bloodsucking count, his adversaries and his victims.

➜ *Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 Kent St., Arlington; through Nov. 15, $40-$45; 800-494-8497.*

3 China in Perspective

The Freer Gallery hosts a screening of Chinese artist Sun Xun's video works, followed by a conversation with the artist, who will discuss the videos and his creative process. Xun combines China's past and present in his complex, evocative works, which are put together from various sources, drawn or painted and then filmed.

➜ *Freer Gallery, 1050 Independence Ave. SW; Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu. (Smithsonian)*

top stops WEEKEND

COURTESY BRENDA LADD

1 What Happens In Greater Tuna ...

Mmm, tuna. Or, rather, Greater Tuna, the deliciously funny fictional Texas town whence springs a number of off-the-deep-end characters, all portrayed by actors, writers and comedians Joe Sears and Jaston Williams. This weekend, the Greater Tunaites pack up their big hair and eccentricities and head to Sin City for the wide-eyed romp in "Tuna Does Vegas." Las Vegas may never recover.

➜ *Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; through Sun., $26-$56; 800-551-7328, warnertheatre.com. (Metro Center)*

5 Happy Hauntings

The father of the modern detective story and author of timelessly unsettling short fiction is claimed by his hometown of Baltimore. But Edgar Allan Poe visited Virginia in 1849. Actor David Keltz re-creates Poe's visit with a reading of stories and poems on Friday and Saturday. As it's the 200th anniversary of the author's birth this year, expect an enthusiastic crowd ready to get spooked by the great man himself — and perhaps his ghost will drop by as well.

➜ *Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria; Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m., $15, 703-838-4994, alexandriahistory.org.*

The Scene

Sound

➜ THURSDAY

9:30 Club: Guster, 7 p.m., sold out.

Birchmere: Mike Doughty, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Blair Mansion Inn: WPG Trio featuring Chuck Brown, 8 p.m., $20 in advance, $25 at the door.

Blues Alley: Randy Weston's African Rhythms Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $30.

Bohemian Caverns: Sylver Logan Sharp, 8 & 10 p.m., $20.

Comet Ping Pong: The Heiz, Love the Bomb, 10:30 p.m., $8.

DC9: Ugly Purple Sweater, Typefighter, Pearl and Beard, 9 p.m., $8.

Iota: Kevin Gordon, Janine Wilson, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Joshua James, Keegan DeWitt, Chris Ayer, 8 p.m., $12.

Music Center at Strathmore: Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, 8 p.m., $36-$58.

The Red and the Black: Chris Berardo and the Desberardos, Kid Goat, 9 p.m., $8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Future of the Left, Uninhabitable Mansions, Drink Up Buttercup, 8:30 p.m., $14.

Velvet Lounge: The High Dials, the Receiver, 9 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap: Melissa Manchester, 8 p.m., $35.

➜ FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Guster, 7 p.m., sold out.

Birchmere: Bill Kirchen and the Hammer of the Honky Tonk Gods, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: The Vic Chesnutt Band, 9 p.m., $13.

Blues Alley: Randy Weston's African Rhythms Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $30.

Bohemian Caverns: Supernova with Joe Ford, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $15.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $7.

Iota: Laura Tsaggaris, Stephanie Schneiderman, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: The Downtown Fiction, Cash Cash, Amely, 6 & 9 p.m., $12.

Jaxx: Vains of Jenna, Dirty Penny, Seventh Vail, Mercenary, Shokkher, Final

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Retribution, 6 p.m., $13.

Kennedy Center, Terrace Gallery: KC Jazz Club: Jon Irabagon, 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., $15.

The Red and the Black: The Mighty Heard, Mello-D and the Rados, Bomani Armah, Navi the Swami, 9 p.m., $8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Crouching China/Hidden Caverns, 10 p.m., $10; Caverns, Office of Future Plans, Imperial China, Bop Beetle, 9:30 p.m., $10.

State Theatre: Lez Zeppelin, 9 p.m., $17-$19.

Twins Jazz: Buck Hill, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

Wolf Trap: Saffire - The Uppity Blues Women, 8 p.m., $25.

➜ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Cypress Hill, 7 p.m., $35.

Birchmere: A Fine Frenzy, Among the Oak & Ash, Landon Pigg, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: "Bhangraween 2009" with DJ Rekha, 9 p.m., $15.

Bohemian Caverns: Cucu Diamantes, 7:30 p.m., $20. Supernova with Joe Ford, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $15.

DC9: Nouveau Riche, 9 p.m., $8.

Fur: Cedric Gervais, 10 p.m., $20.

Iota: Rome in a Day, Kingsfoil, Along Those Lines, 9 p.m., $10.

Patriot Center: Dethklok and Mastodon, 6:30 p.m., $35.

Jammin' Java: Cerca Trova, the Automatics, the Splints, Hero of the Beach, Solace Sovay, 4:30 p.m., $10; A Bob Halloween, the D.R.A.M.A. Kings, 10 p.m., $10.

Jaxx: Halloween Havoc, This Time it's War, and more, 2 p.m., $12; Krass Judgement, Transgression, Brutallion, Deranged Theory, Prodigium, 9 p.m., $12.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Captured! By Robots, Terror Pigeon Dance Revolt, Bonjour Ganeshi, 9 p.m., $8-$10.

The Red and the Black: Road House Halloween with the Swayze, 9 p.m., $5.

Twins Jazz: Buck Hill, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: The Massive Velvet Halloween, 9 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap: Saffire - The Uppity Blues Women, 7:30 p.m., $25.

➜ SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Mayday Parade, the Academy Is..., Set Your Goals, the Secret Handshake, You Me At Six, 4 p.m., $15; Simian Mobile Disco, JDH and Dave P, the Phenomenal Handclap Band,

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COUNTRY | LET BANJOS RING!

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➜ **THE RED AND THE BLACK:** 1212 H ST. NE; 202-399-3201, REDANDBLACKBAR.COM.

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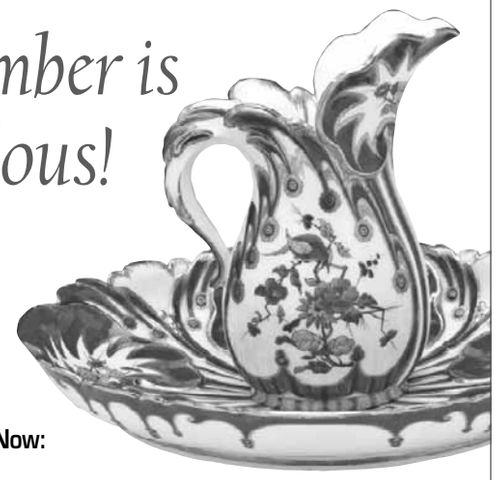

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10 p.m., $20.

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Blues Alley: Taylor Eigsti Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $20.

Comet Ping Pong: Curious Mystery, the Tennis System, DJ Provoke, 10:30 p.m., $8.

HR-57: Michael Price Quartet, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin' Java: Rock n' Roll Songwriters Circle, 7 p.m., $10.

Jaxx: The 69 Eyes, Dommin, the Becoming, 5 p.m., $20.

State Theatre: Dave Mason, 8 p.m., $23.

The Red and the Black: Laura Meyer, Stripmall Ballads, Will Scott, 9 p.m., $6.

Sight

The Aaron Gallery: "The Sacred and the Sensuous," dreamy watercolor paintings from Afsaneh Mirfendereski, through Nov. 15. 1717 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-3311, aarongallerydc.com.

Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "Three Seconds With the Masters," photography from James Osher takes classic works of art and reflects upon the nature of viewing art in a contemporary setting, through Dec. 5. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-238-5180, addisonripley-fineart.com.

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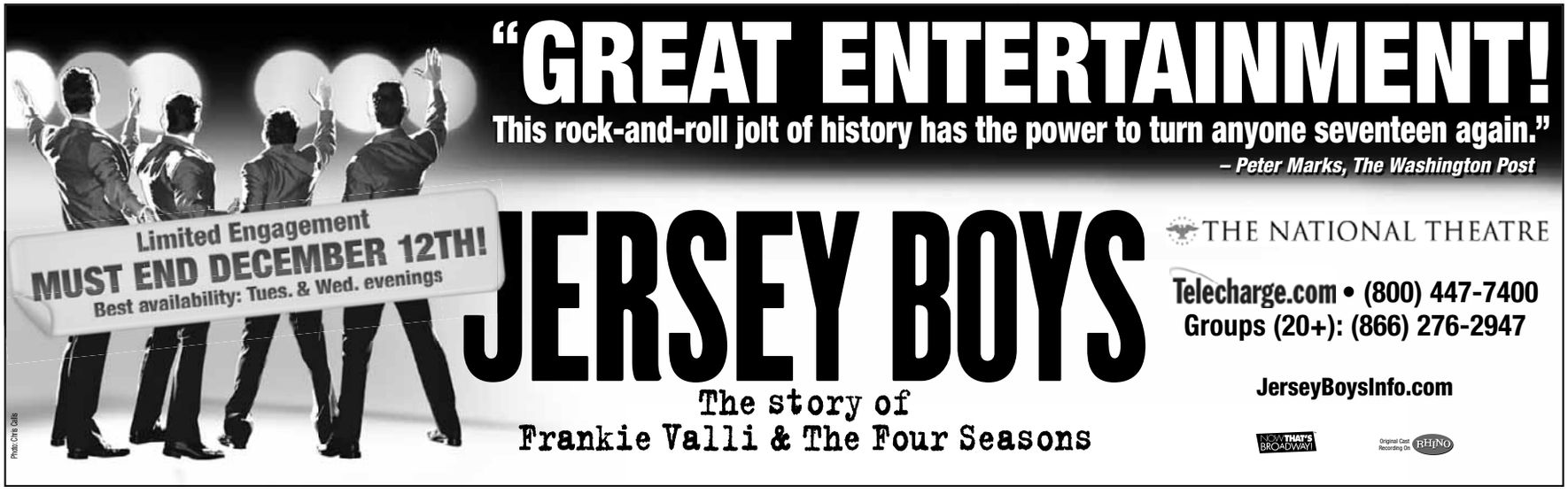
PAUL GORDON EMERSON

SMALL WORLD: CityDance Ensemble just got back from the Middle East and Chile, and is ready to offer a new crop of up-and-coming and established dance-makers to audiences with "Latitudes" this Thursday and Friday.



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Alexandria Black History Museum: "Spirits in a Bottle," a lighthearted bottle-filled exhibit pays tribute to the African tradition, through Jan. Permanent and changing exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's rich history. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.

Anacostia Community Museum: "Separate but Unequaled," exhibit highlighting the achievements and success of the early segregated baseball leagues. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Anne C. Fisher Gallery: "Light and Shadows," cryptic, Victorian era-referencing paintings from Manuela Holban, through Thurs. The Watergate, Suite 128, 2600 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-625-7555, annecfishergallery.com.

Arlington Arts Center: "Fall Solos 2009," sculptures, drawings and other mixed media from David Page, Cynthia Hron, Pamela Phatismo Sunstrum, Roxana Perez-Mendez, Jenn Figg and Christian Benefiel offer a look into the future of contemporary art, through Nov. 7. "Falnama: the Book of Omens," brilliant manuscripts and compositions expose the role of divination in Islamic culture, through Jan. 24. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlingtonartscenter.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Moving Perspectives: Shahzia Sikander/Sun Kun," small paintings from Sikander are set into motion while Kun's use of old newspapers and other material creates intricate webs of video stories, through Nov. 8. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

The Art League: "Summer Island," tiny drawings from Merri Nelson detail the diverse environments and complexity

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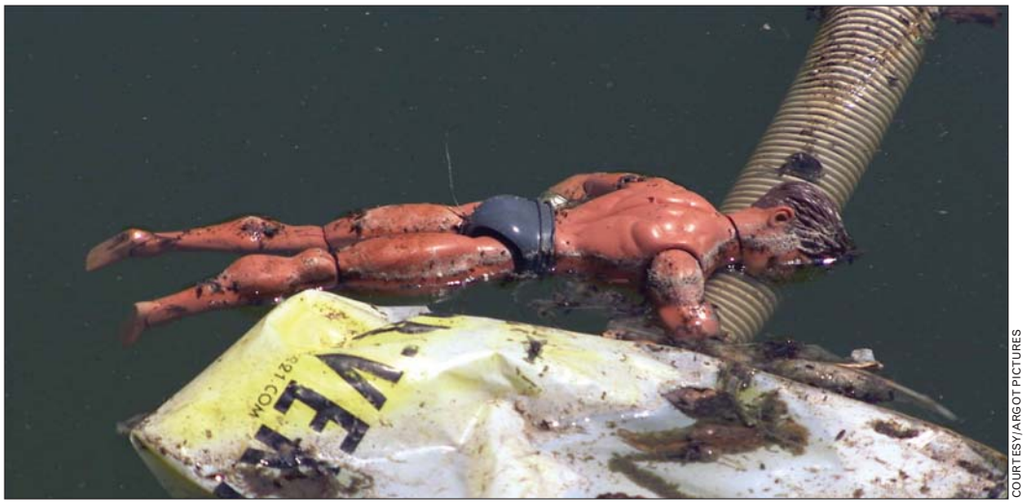

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KA-CHING!: "American Casino" finds filmmaker Leslie Cockburn tracking the $12 trillion in citizen's money that disappeared in the years since the loosening of Wall Street regulations ("Commodities Futures Modernization Act" will take on new meaning). This even-keeled, frightening portrait of a system on a crumbling foundation screens at AFI Silver for one week, beginning with a Friday show at which Leslie and her journalist husband, Andrew Cockburn, will appear.

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BRAKE ON: What happens when you mix a Pez dispenser with Zipcars? Moskow Linn Architects' innovative proposed design for a garage is on display as part of "House of Cars" showing at the National Building Museum.

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of a small Maine island, through Nov. 2. 105 N. Union St. Alexandria; 703-683-1780, theartleague.org.

Art Museum of the Americas: "Bilateral Engagement," a survey of Washington Sculptor Guild work in honor of its 25th anniversary, through Jan. 15. 201 18th St. NW; 202-458-6016, museum.oas.org.

Carroll Square Gallery: "18 Mammals," through Nov. 20. 975 F St. NW; 202-638-3000, carrollsquare.com.

LAST CHANCE Conner Contemporary Art: "Conversations in Lyrical Abstraction 1958-2009," color-stained abstract images from Morris Louis, Alma Thomas, Howard Mehring, Jeremy Blake and Leo Villareal, through Sat. "Options," 15th exhibition of the most talented emerging area artists presented by Washington Project for the Arts, through Sat. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-234-7103, wpadc.org.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Nature as Nation," 19th-century American landscape paintings. "Edward Burtynsky: Oil," 56 mammoth color landscapes from the Canadian photographer explore the effects and impact of the quest for oil, through Dec. 13. "Sargent and the Sea," rare seascape and coastal paintings from John Singer Sargent, through Jan. 3. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

Cross Mackenzie: "Naked Raku Vessels," ancient Japanese firing techniques are paired with modern dizzying designs from Matthew Freitas; "Paisley Monuments," large glazed ceramic sculptures from Tamara Laird, through Nov. 5. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-333-7970, crossmackenzie.com.

David C. Driskell Center: "An American Consciousness: Robin Holder's Mid-Career Retrospective," layered images from Holder deal with political and societal issues with grace and beauty, through Dec. 11. 1214 Cole Student Activities Building, University of Maryland, College Park; 301-314-2615, driskellcenter.umd.edu.

D.C. Arts Center: "Findings," work from Deborah Carroll Anzinger, Peter Gordon, Michael Matason, Lisa McCarty, Kathryn McDonnell, Karen Joan Topping and Jenny Walton considers art as a form of inquiry, through Nov. 15. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

Embassy of Australia: "Impact by Degrees," eight artists take on differ-

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ent aspects of climate change through video, satellite imagery and installations, through Nov. 20. 1601 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-797-3165, usa.embassy.gov.au.

Embassy of Canada: "Yousuf Karsh at 100: Portraits of Artists," rich surfaces and graceful composition define the Canadian photographer's work, through Dec. 18. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-682-1740, canadainternational.gc.ca/washington.

Embassy of Finland: "I Kid You Not," a journey into the world behind the success of Finland's children, through Nov. 15. 3301 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-298-5800, finland.org.

Embassy of Haiti: "Back to Back/Face to Face," the art of Haiti and the Dominican Republic meet in this show, through Nov. 6. 2311 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-332-4090.

Embassy of Japan: "The Art of Transformation," more than 50 color woodblock reprints illustrate the foundation of the Japanese infrastructure and society as a celebration of the first visit of Japanese businessmen to the U.S. in 1909, through Nov. 20. 2520 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-238-6949, embjapan.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Imagining China: the View from Europe, 1550-1700," woodprints, maps and paintings illustrate early modern Europeans' fascination with China, through Jan. 9. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600, folger.edu.

LAST CHANCE The Foundry Gallery: "Feminine Essence," bright and vivid paintings from Luba Sterlikova celebrate the strength and mystery of womanhood, through Sun. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundrygallery.org.

Fraser Gallery: "Abra Cadaver," ideas of femininity and childhood development take a twisting and irreverent form in the mixed-media drawings from Andrew Wodzianski, through Nov. 14. 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651, thefrasergallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Freer Gallery of Art: "Sun Xun: From Painting to Animation," paintings on old newspaper flicker back in this video exhibition from the Chinese filmmaker, Thurs. 7 p.m. "Moonlight

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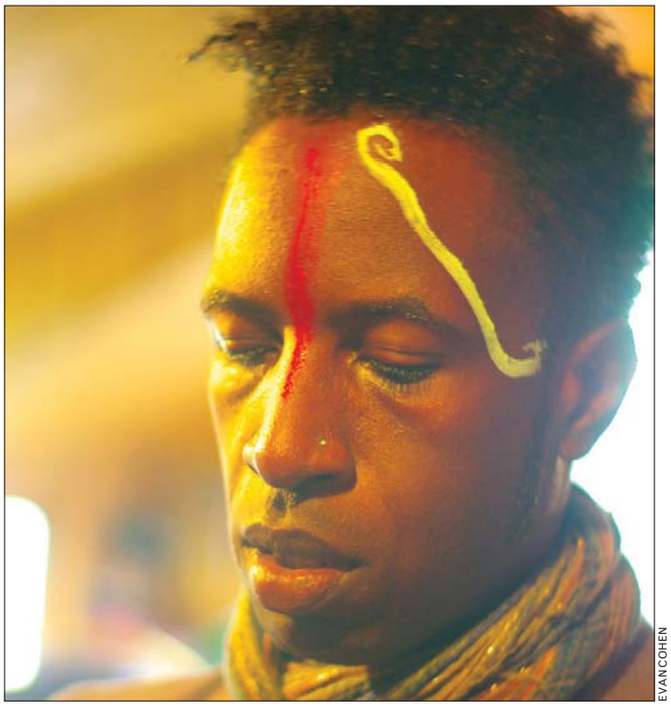

EVAN COHEN

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and Clouds: Silver and Gold in the Arts of Japan," through Nov. 8. "Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler," through June 2010. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

The Gallery at Flashpoint: "House," b-movie imagery is borrowed and incorporated into the paintings of Andrew Wodzianski, through Nov. 7. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

Gallery Neptune: "Joyce Zipperer and Rania Hassan," metallica fashion designs from Zipperer meet the knitting-inspired paintings of Hassan, through Nov.14. 5001 Wilson Lane, Bethesda; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

LAST CHANCE Goethe-Institut: "Thirteen: A Series of Portraits by Janina Wick," images portray the fears, hopes and vulnerability of emerging adolescent girls, through Fri. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

LAST CHANCE Hillyer Art Space: "Colossus," a monstrous mural from Nekisha Durrett imagines a world devastated by industrialization, through Sat. "Feeders," glass-blown sculptures from David D'Orio mix images common to the past and present in a jarring and intriguing fashion, through Sat. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

Hirshhorn: "Strange Bodies: Figurative Works From the Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. "Anne Truitt: Perception and Reflection," a survey of large-scale work from the artist's 50-year career, through Jan. 3. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Irvine Contemporary: "Double Down," new stretching ink and gouache paintings from Oliver Vernon, reception Fri. 6-8 p.m., through Dec. 12. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "Palestine Lost," lantern slides from the late 1800s present a rare look into the world of Palestine, alongside art from Helen Zughaib and Rajie Cook, through Nov. 13. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

LAST CHANCE The Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery: "No Dream Beyond Reach," digital art from Andrew Reach and Younghyun Chung explores the power of technology to enable creative expression in the lives of the physically disabled, through Sat. 1632 U St. NW; 202-483-8600, smithfarm.com/gallery.

Katzen Arts Center: "Culture Warriors," each state and territory in Australia presents the best of its contemporary and indigenous art as a means of preserving culture and history, pre-

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Koshland Science Museum: Various science-related exhibits including "Global Warming Facts & Our Future," "Lights at Night," "Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health," "Wonders of Science," ongoing. 6th & E streets NW; 202-334-1201, koshlandsciencemuseum.org.

The Kreeger Museum: "Kentridge and Kudryashov: Against the Grain," dramatic and harsh political climates set the foundation for the terse and color-dipped paintings from South Africa's William Kentridge and Russia's Oleg Kudryashov, through Dec. 30; sculpture garden featuring works from the Washington Sculptors Guild, through June. 2401 Foxhall Road NW; 202-337-3050, kreegermuseum.org.

Marsha Mateyka Gallery: "Trust Just for Us," haunting and mysterious constructions and watercolors from William T. Wiley, through Nov. 14. 2012 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateykagallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Museum of Contemporary Art: "Political Potpouri," the effects of war now, and in the past, are the focus of this mixed-media show from a number of artists, through Sat. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-342-6230, mocadc.org.

National Air and Space Museum: "Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist on Another World," reflections and

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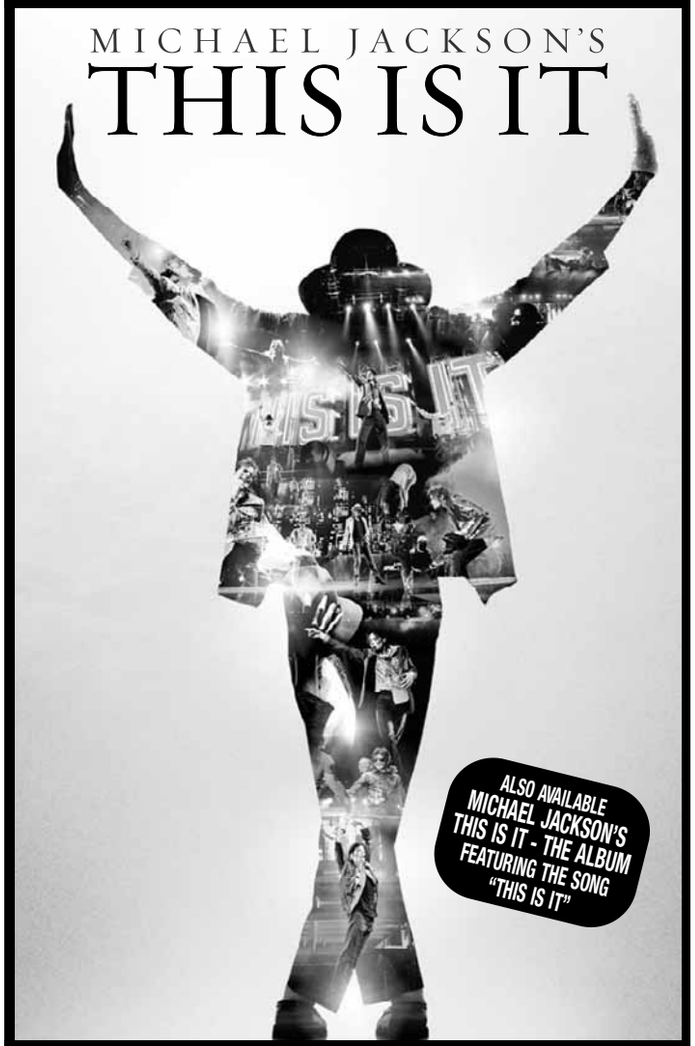

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National Building Museum: "Storefront Churches," photographs from Camilo Jose Vergara of houses of worship in unorthodox places, through Nov. 29. "Form and Movement," photographs from Phillip Trager explore light and symnetry in the construction of buildings, through Jan. 3. "House of Cars," exploring the relationship between parked cars and humans, through July. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

LAST CHANCE National Gallery of Art, East Building: "Editions with Additions: Working Proofs by Jasper Johns," through Jan. 10; "Alexander Calder"; "The Robert and Jane Meyerroff Collection: Selected Works,"

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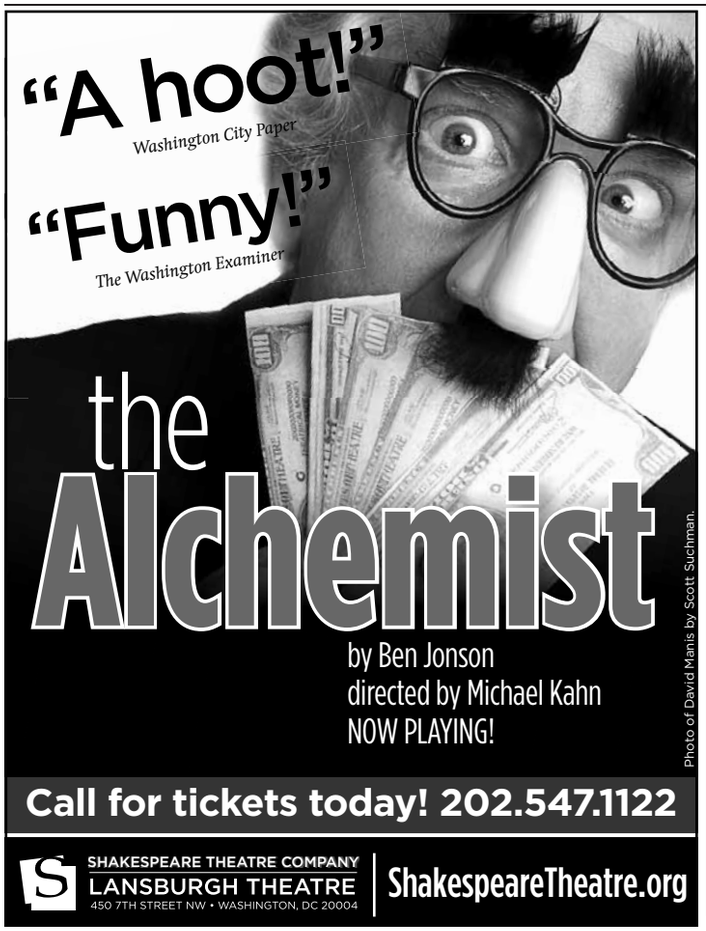

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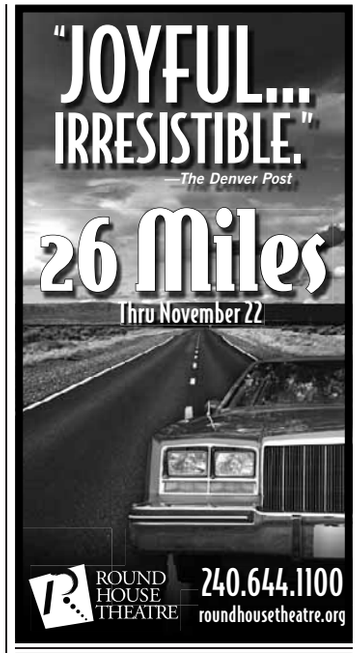

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Area restuarants pour Halloween-themed cocktails even the living dead can dig.

Drinks Chilled — Or Chilling?

Boost your Halloween bash with devilish drinks, or hit the town for creepy quaffing

SHIVERS | Creative costume? Check. Fake cobwebs and bowls of candy? Check and check. Halloween cocktails for your big bash? You might need some help with that. Area restaurants and bars are offering Halloween and fall cocktails, and some local mixologists have advice on how to make cool Halloween drinks at home.

TENPENH has the most elaborate Halloween cocktails, as Brennan Adams has three special drinks — the Jack O'Lantern (a persimmon cocktail served in a pumpkin filled with dry ice), Candy Corn (it doesn't taste like the ubiquitous treat but is made with sake and orange, and layered to look like the waxy little bites) and Candy Apple (spiced apple cider with a stick of cotton candy). The $10 cocktails are available through Saturday.

"When you go towards fall, with heavier foods come brown liquors, like scotch, bourbon and dark rums," Adams said, adding that herbs and spices are popular for fall beverages. "I take a cooking approach to cocktails and go for balance. ... I also use blood oranges, which go well with brown liquors."

At **EATBAR**, you can find drinks such as the Poisoned Apple, made with vodka and Apple Pucker, and a Pop Rocks-lined rim. Bar manager Genevieve Ahrens advises keeping things simple at home.

"I try to use whatever is in season, local and available," she said. "I have a bourbon that I infuse with apples and pears, and I put the fruit into the bourbon and let it sit for seven to 10 days, then serve it on the rocks."

Ahrens says "incorporating candy is fun for Halloween."

"Make a sweet-tart martini, where you use a flavored vodka and drop a SweeTart in the bottom. It fizzes up and is really pretty," she said. "Pop Rocks make the party. Take lemon or lime and run it around the rim. ... It makes a pop in your mouth when you drink."

At **DINO**, look for fall flavors such as spiced Chianti fizz and a ginger-pear sidecar. Scott Palmer, who mans the bar at the Northwest restaurant, said there are easy ways to make seasonal drinks at home.

"Add freshly grated ginger, or pie spices to favorite cocktails," he advised. "Replace Triple Sec in favorites with a spicy spirit like Domaine de Canton Ginger liqueur or, if you can find it, Velvet Falernum, which is a rum-based liqueur laced with cloves. A margarita can skew fall just by removing the Triple Sec and swapping the Canton in."

VERMILION's Laura Secker created cocktails such as a birthday cake martini to coincide with its "Alice in Wonderland"-themed Halloween party.

"It's fun to have a theme for a party and think about the number of people you're catering to," she said. "Since you won't want to spend all evening making cocktails, think about having a punch and naming it after your theme."

Also look for fall cocktails at **BOURBON STEAK** (bourbon and cinnamon), **CENTRAL** (pear cognac and champagne) and **TRUMMER'S ON MAIN** (hot spiced sangria). At **CO CO. SALA**, there's the Wild Winter, with Wild Turkey, apple cider infused with spices and praline pecan liquor, with a salted caramel rim. AMY CAVANAUGH

➜ *TenPenh, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-393-4500, tenpenh.com. (Federal Triangle)*

➜ *Dino, 3435 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-686-2966, dino-dc.com. (Cleveland Park)*

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mix it yourself

TenPenh may have a smoky pumpkin, but now you can re-create Dino's Fizz.

SPICED CHIANTI FIZZ

- ➜ **1.5 oz. Chianti good enough to drink on its own**
- ➜ **1/2 oz. citrus- & ginger-infused grappa or Cointreau***
- ➜ **1/4 oz. spice-infused simple syrup***
- ➜ **Dash Fee Brothers' orange bitters***
- ➜ **Bitter lemon soda (Palmer likes the Fever Tree brand)***

SHAKE ALL INGREDIENTS with ice in a shaker. Strain into highball glass filled with fresh ice. Top with bitter lemon soda and garnish with a fresh orange slice.

* Cointreau adds orange tones to the drink without being overly sweet like Triple Sec or Grand Marnier.

* Use any combination of spices — cardamom, cloves, white pepper, star anise, bay leaves — to infuse equal parts water and granulated white sugar. Heat 2 cups each sugar and water in a saucepan until sugar dissolves, stir in spices and let steep. When cool, strain and store excess chilled in a glass jar for up to six months.

* Fee Brothers' bitters are available locally at **PEARSON'S AND ACE BEVERAGE**; there are also several online sources.

* Fever Tree Bitter Lemon soda is available at several locations including **CONNECTICUT AVE. WINE & SPIRITS**. Commercial brands like Schweppes or Canada Dry will work in a pinch.

For a group, try this warming fall cocktail as a party punch.

SPICED CHIANTI FIZZ "PUNCH"

SERVES ABOUT 16-20

- ➜ **1 bottle Chianti**
- ➜ **8 oz. Cointreau**
- ➜ **8 oz. spiced syrup**
- ➜ **4 6.8-oz. bottles of bitter lemon soda**
- ➜ **Slices of orange (blood oranges add visual impact)**
- ➜ **Nutmeg for grating**
- ➜ **Ice**

BLEND CHIANTI, Cointreau, and spiced syrup in a large bowl with hand mixer or immersion blender until frothy. Put in chilled punch bowl with lots of ice, bitter lemon soda and slices of orange, and grate fresh nutmeg over top.

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Why So Serious?

Sexy new two-in-one craft beer hot spots are ready to expose the heavy side of suds

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ChurchKey entices beer lovers to pull up a stool with the longest bar in the city.

NO BELCHING | Neighborhood Restaurant Group co-owner Michael Babin believed that Washingtonians needed more places to sample the ever-growing array of craft beers, without any more ubiquitous flat-screen TVs, dingy lighting, chicken fingers or frites. So he and his partners dreamed up such a place — a pair of them, actually.

This new, two-part endeavor opened last week in the former Dakota Cowgirl space in Logan Circle. The ground floor houses the fine-dining Birch & Barley (exposed brick, bamboo floors, earthy hues), while the upstairs offers a hip bar and lounge, ChurchKey (D.C.'s longest bar, decadent accents). Both floors will feature executive chef Kyle Bailey's contemporary American cuisine and beer director Greg Engert's formidable beer list: 500 bottled brews, 50 drafts and five cask-conditioned ales.

The project is novel in several ways. It is NRG's first foray into the District, after its many successes in Northern Virginia with eateries like Tallula, Evening Star and Rustico. It also marks the first time that foie gras-stuffed tater tots, the rare Founders Canadian Breakfast Stout and chandelier sconces have come together under one roof in the city.

"We're excited about it," says Babin. "I think that people who care about and love beer have largely felt, and justly so, that they are treated as second-class citizens in the food world, and, really, that's one way to summarize what this place is all about; it's really just to level the playing field. We've seen at [the brew-centric] Rustico that beer is not just for frat parties. It's a serious beverage, and people that both drink and produce it take it very seriously."

Birch & Barley offers patrons a little something sweet to cleanse the palate.

That Babin and Engert treat the hoppy beverage with the utmost respect becomes apparent very quickly at Birch & Barley/ChurchKey. Gorgeous copper pipes gleam above the taps on the main level — the veins through which the building pumps its sudsy substance. The bars are stocked with the numerous types of glassware necessary to appropriately showcase various beer styles, and the second floor's multiple "temperature zones" for brew storage help ensure that customers get the best flavor experience.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, chef Bailey is doing his part to highlight the lupulin-heavy liquids. He says he's "cooking with beer in mind" as he plates up dishes that emphasize local, seasonal and homemade ingredients — things like mac and cheese sticks, and crispy wild striped bass with fennel and artichoke ragu.

He and his wife, pastry chef Tiffany MacIsaac, were thrilled to take their prior food-and-beverage-pairing experience (New York's Allen & Delancey, Cru) into the beer world; they make their own home brew and have a great appreciation for the stuff. "People have been making beer since before Jesus," says Bailey. "They've had a lot of time to make it great. We have all this delicious beer to pair with food."

And, of course, since Babin knows all too well what it feels like to be shut out of a restaurant's offerings, Birch & Barley/ChurchKey also boasts a wine list and a classic cocktail program.

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CHEMISTRY | The world of home brewing has never been dull, but these days, it's bubbling over with excitement. With the rise of interest in fine, artisanal and historic brews, area home brewers are turning their kitchens into laboratories, experimenting with ingredients, styles and chemical reactions.

The craft has gone from hobbyists tinkering in their garages with Internet-bought kits to home artisans brewing award-winning concoctions that combine passions for science, history and a really good beer.

Last week, the D.C. Homebrewers Club held an "Iron Mug" competition — basically, an "Iron Chef" for beer. The secret ingredients were white-wine concentrate and woodruff, a flavor substitute for hops. The winners, JT Thomas and Will Kohudic, both 40, made an innovative version of Berliner Weisse, a sour wheat beer whose recipe dates back to 16th-century Berlin.

Thomas knew this beer would be perfect for the competiton because recipes often use woodruff syrup to curb the tartness of the sour mash (the fermented product of mashed grain that's been acidulated). Instead of using the sour mash, though, he and Kohudic used lactic acid, which not only adds sourness but also regulates temperature. Mmmm, beer science!

Another member of the Homebrewers Club, Martin Doczkat, has been working on a medicinal brew. Doczkat, a 28-year-old electrical engineer, developed a recipe for what he calls an "anti-hangover elixir."

Brewmaster Ernesto Igot of the Clipper City Brewery in Baltimore encourages experimentation, especially for homebrewers with professional aspirations. A chemical engineer, Igot understands the role science plays in beer-making. In his home country, the Phillippines, all brewers are required to be chemical engineers.

"But here in the U.S., anybody can be a head brewer," he says. Well, anybody who can make beer that tastes good.

"In this industry, the competitive edge is the quality. If you really make good beer, people will buy it. So, even if there are hundreds of brands in the markets, you will have return customers."

For tips on how to brew it yourself or information on where to go to brew with a crew, wannabe beer crafters can check out DCHOMEBREWERS.COM.

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National Geographic: "Polar Obsession," photographs from the frigid and chilling arctic world, through Feb. 15. "National Geographic Image Collection," best of the magazine's storied collection, through April 15. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition provides a new look into Africa and its animals, through Feb. 21, 2010. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: The newly light-filled space contains an array of ongoing exhibitions, including "The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise," through Feb.; "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and many more, permanent collection. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Ramp It Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America," photos, film and other displays celebrate the spread of skating, through Nov. 1. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Dig It! The Secrets of the Soil," through Jan. "Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution," the history and timeline of one of the most influential scientific theories, through July 18; "Farmers, Warriors, Builders: The Hidden Life of Ants," the quiet and and powerful impact of some of nature's smallest creatures, through Oct. 10; "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Feb. 2011, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Hard Copy, Book as Sculpture," 15 artist craft books that blend the line between paper and sculpture, through Jan. 17. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "One Life: Thomas Paine, the Radical Founding

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DANCE | HEAD GAMES

MAX PUCCIARELLO

BODY ECLECTIC: Momix dance company — best known for playing with light, limbs and composition to metamorphosize dancers into surreal creatures and flora — shows off "The Best of Momix" at GMU's Center for the Arts on Saturday.

Father," through Nov. 29. "Presidents in Waiting," through Jan. 3, other permanent exhibitions, 2010. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Manhunt: Chasing Lincoln's Killer," how developments in journalism helped the pursuit of John Wilkes Booth, through Feb. 28. "Woodstock at 40: The Rise of Music Journalism," photographs, artifacts and coverage from the seminal event, through Oct. 31. "G-Men and Journalists," a history of media coverage and the FBI, both through Dec. 31, "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Iooss," Nearly 50 years of documenting the world of sports from one of the greatest photographers," through Dec. 31, ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Man Ray, African Art and the Modernist Lens," iconic photos that recontextualized African art and revolutionized photography, through Jan. "Brain Storm," stunning video installation from Jennifer Wen Ma, through Jan. 3. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Renwick Gallery: "Staged Stories: Renwick Craft Invitational 2009," Christyl Boger, Mark Newport, Mary Van Cline and SunKoo Yuh handle ceramic and fiber past traditional limits of functionality and focus on the narrative qualities of their material, through Jan. 3; "Grand Salon — Paintings From the Smithsonian American Art Museum," permanent. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-2850, americanart.si.edu/renwick.

Reyes + Davis: "Poseidon Project Part I," hanging sculptures from Barbara Josephs Liotta, through Nov. 27. 923 F St. NW; 202-255-5050, reyesdavis.com.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "1934: A New Deal for Artists," paintings spawned from the first federally funded program for the arts, through Jan. 3. "The Honor of Your Company Is Requested," President Abraham Lincoln's inaugural ball, through Jan. 18. "What's It All Mean?" retrospective of the paintings and work of William T. Wiley, through Jan. 24. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

Studio Gallery: "Madonnas Assembled," life's complexities illustrated through simple drawings and sculptures from Elena Stamberg. "Abstractions of Earth's Forces," dark impressionistic paintings from Steve Fleming. "Bulerias," Fulvia Musti Ciarla paints a response to the vivid life of flamenco music, all through Nov. 21. 2108 R St.; 202-232-8734, studiogallerydc.com.

The Textile Museum: "Recent Acquisitions," the top new additions to the museum, through Jan. 3; "Contemporary Japanese Fashion: The Mary Basket Collection," through April 11. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Torpedo Factory Art Center: "Ofrenda — Art for the Dead," a fun-for-the-family celebration of the Day of the Dead with an art exhibition, masked ball and parades all through this weekend, presented by Art Outlet, through Nov. 2. 105 N. Union St. Alexandria; 571-214-9994, artoutlet.org.

LAST CHANCE Transformer: "Ink Storm," the role of ink and color in the vibrant and stunning art of Chen Shaoxiong, Dai Guangyu and Paula Tsai, through Sun. 1404 P St., NW; 202-483-1102, transformergallery.org.

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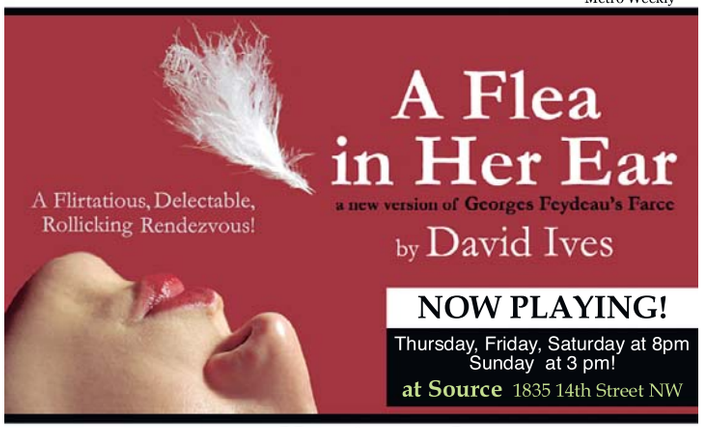

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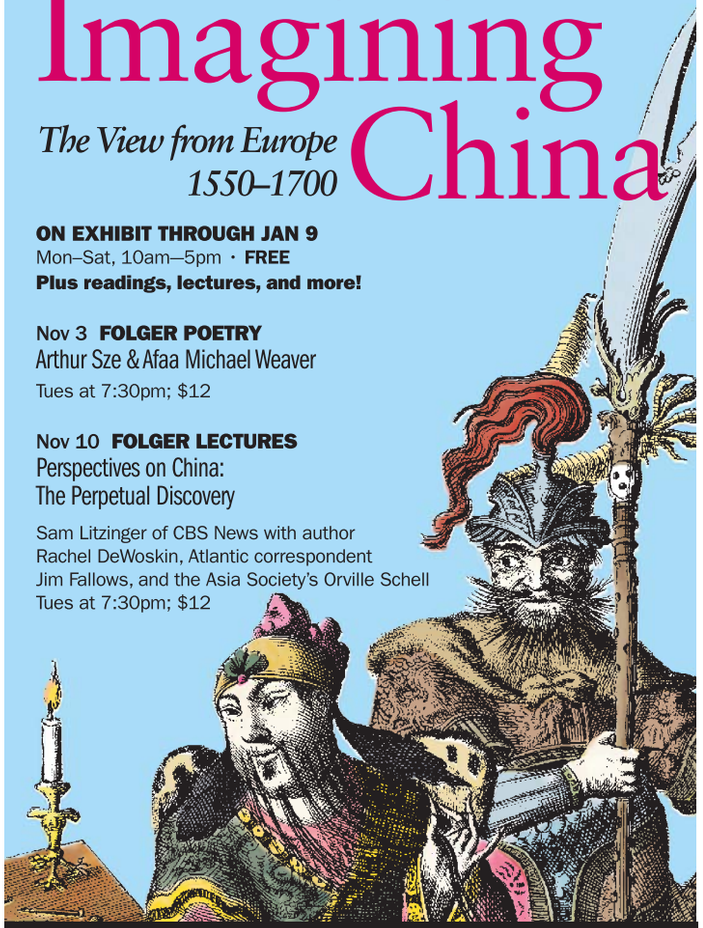

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U.S. Botanic Garden: "Bromeliad Exhibition," through Nov. 7; "African-American Gardens: Places of the Spirit." Permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: "A Dangerous Lie: Protocols of the Elders of Zion," "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda," "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," alongside other poignant exhibitions of artifacts, photographs and oral histories from the Holocaust era. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place/15th St. SW; 202-488-0400, ushmm.org.

The Walters Art Museum: "Heroes:

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Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Cones n' Tones," soft prints from Anne McLaughlin borrow from universally soothing themes and expand them into striking canvass reflections, through Nov. 29. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

Washington Sculptors Group: "With These Hands: the Sculptures of Sy Gresser and Bill Taylor," two area sculptors' work shows at the University of Maryland's University College, through Dec. 15. 3501 University Blvd. E. Adelphi; 301-955-7937, washingtonsculptors.org.

STAGE | SCRATCH THAT ITCH

DANIEL SCHWARTZ

BITE DOWN: What's nuttier than a Feydeau farce? Besides a Payday candy bar, nothing beats the comedic swirl of gossip, mistaken identities, slammed doors and amorous whackiness than the exuberantly silly "A Flea in Her Ear." It's onstage at the Source now, thanks to Constellation Theatre Company.

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Adding Machine: A Musical: Based on Elmer Rice's 1923 story, one desperate man snaps into violence when he's laid off, through Nov. 8, $57-$71. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

A Flea in Her Ear: One pair of missing suspenders ignites this comedic romp of romantic affairs and jealous spouses from Constellation Theatre Company, through Nov. 8, $20-$25. Source Theatre, 1835 14th St. NW; 800-494- 8497, sourcedc.org.

Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes, Millennium Approaches: Part one of Tony Kushner's expansive look into the pain and struggle of the AIDS conflict is presented by Forum Theatre, through Nov. 21, $25. Round House Theatre, 8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 240-644-1100, roundhousetheatre.org.

Ariadne Auf Naxos: The playful melodies of Strauss are highlighted in this comedic tale of one misguided patron of the arts from the Washington National Opera, through Nov. 13, $50-$300. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324, kennedy-center.org.

Barrio Grrl!: This kid-friendly musical finds a spunky 9-year-old — and her imaginary friend — fighting to save her barrio, through Nov. 15, $15, Kennedy Center, Family Theatre, 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324, kennedy-center.org.

Blood Sweat & Fears II, Guilty Pleasures: Grand Guignol the French Theatre of Horror, is preserved through two seductive, dirty and terrifying plays from Molotov Theatre Group, through Oct. 31, $18. The Theatre, 1409 14th St.

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MARK GAIL

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NW; molotovtheatre.org.

Dracula: Vampire love returns to its classic source in Synetic's erotic theatrical take on Bram Stoker's classic tale, through Nov. 15, $35-$40. Rosslyn Spectrum Theater, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington; 800-494-8497, syneticheater.org.

Dracula, A Family Musical: Georgetown Theatre Company brings to life a slightly spooky, kid-friendly rendering of the Halloween classic, through Nov. 8, $10-$12, Georgetown Park Mall, 3222 M St. NW; 703-271-7770, georgetowntheatre.org.

Evil Dead, The Musical: A roaring chain saw provides no escape from a demon loosed upon a group of five college students in this splash-filled adaptation of the cult classic film, through Nov. 1, $20-$25. DC Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, landlesstheatrecompany.org.

LAST CHANCE Ferdinand the Bull: An easygoing bull with a love for flowers meets a starstruck pig and an adventure-seeking boy, through Nov. 1, $10-$21. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave. Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

Full Circle: An off-center satiric look into the chaos and insanity of the days following the fall of the Berlin Wall, throughNov. 29, $27-$57. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.

The Goat or, Who Is Sylvia?: Presented by Silver Spring Stage, a man's love for a goat provides the frame for Edward Albee's wrestling with the sometimes irrational nature of love and its strange turns, through Nov. 22, $18-$20. Silver Spring Stage, 10145 Colesville Road. Silver Spring; 301-593-6036, ssstage.org.

Go Dog Go: P.D. Eastman's children's story comes to the stage with green, yellow, blue and red dogs, through Nov. 8, $12-$15. Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; 301-634-2270, adventuretheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Hysteria: Sigmund Freud's last days battling cancer are interjected with a visit from Salvador Dali and an attractive young student in a humorous look into the mind of Freud, through Sun., $12-$24. Rep Stage, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia; 410-772-4900, repstage.org.

InCite Arts Festival: Boston University's College of Fine Arts presents a genre-stretching mixture of plays and art, through Nov. 2, tickets and venues vary, see bu.edu/cfa/incite/ for more info.

Jersey Boys: The Tony Award-winning song-filled story of four average kids and their journey to rock 'n' roll stardom, through Dec. 12, $51-$215. National

Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, nationaltheatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Latitude: CityDance Ensemble pulls choreographers in from around the world to exhibit the best and most riveting exhibitions of contemporary dance, Thu. & Fri., 7:30 p.m., $20-$55. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324, kennedy-center.org.

Lost in Yonkers: Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning story of the pains of growing up in America strays from Broadway, through Nov. 29, $30-$55. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-5287, theaterj.org.

SATURDAY ONLY Momix: The Best of Momix: The gravity-defying dance troupe brings the cream of director/choreographer Moses Pendleton's imagination to the stage, 8 p.m., $22-$44. Center for the Arts at George Mason University, Route 123 & Braddock Road, Fairfax; 703-993-8888, gmu.edu/cfa.

LAST CHANCE Musical of Musicals: Click your heels for a 25-year-stretching tribute to all the colorful and flamboyant corners of singing and dancing theater, through Sun., $45-$50. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044, metrostage.org.

Port Authority: A twisting tale of three generations of the Irish and their struggles from Quotidian Theatre Company, through Nov. 22, $25. Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda; 301-816-1023, quotidiantheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Tuna Does Vegas: Joe Sears and Jaston Williams play a kitchen sink-of oddball characters from a small Texas town who take an unforgettable trip to Sin City, through Sun., $26-$56. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; 877-407-8497, warnertheatre.com.

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STAN BAROUH

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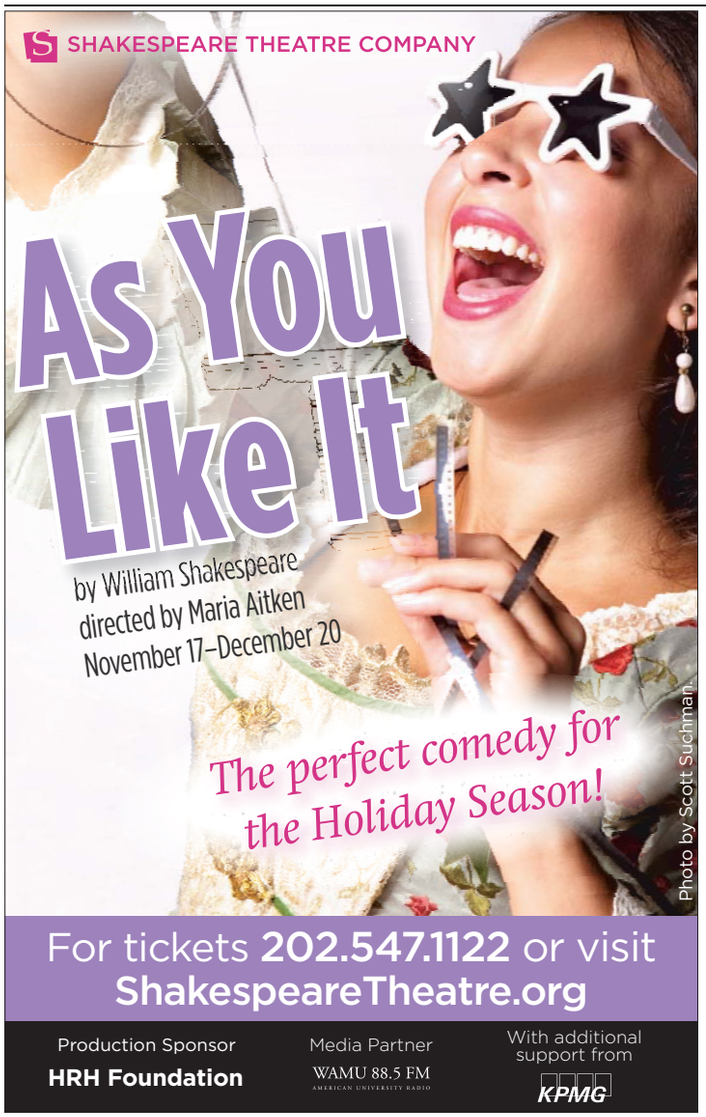

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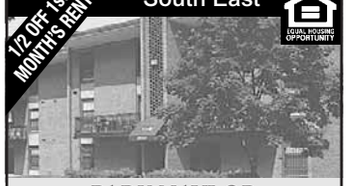

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Man Behind the 'Moon'

Director Chris Weitz takes on the delicate task of making the second 'Twilight' film

Q&A | The director of "American Pie" and "About a Boy" wasn't the obvious choice to take on "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," the second book in Stephenie Meyer's blockbuster teen vampire romance series. But Chris Weitz, who also writes and produces, sometimes with his brother Paul, did a fantasy adaptation in 2007's "The Golden Compass" and felt a connection to the material. On Nov. 20, "Twilight" fans will determine whether he was up to the task.

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HE'S THE BOSS: Chris Weitz, left, chats with cast members Ashley Greene, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner on set.

Why did you want to do a "Twilight" movie?
The tonality of the movie, which has a lot to do with heartbreak and longing, depression and reunion and ecstasy — these were emotions that struck a chord in me. I really loved the cast; Kristen (Stewart) and Rob (Pattinson) both are exceptionally talented.

And adding another genre of film to your resume?
It gets a bit boring to be in a particular zone. I like the idea of switching genres and different types of stories to keep things interesting. But it might be the way to become unmemorable as a director, I suppose. There aren't that many dilettante directors who get remembered. John Ford did all kinds of movies, but he gets remembered for one particular kind.

How much did you interact with Stephenie Meyer?
A lot; we've had a real good collaboration. We had some discussions that were very important — my convincing her that I didn't want to take her baby and run away with it, or tell a story that was counter to the spirit of what she was trying to tell.

How much do you interact with the Twi-hards?
Quite a bit. I don't have an online, direct relation with the fans; I was too busy making the movie. But I sort of feel as though every bit of footage I get out is speaking to the fans in a way. I've only addressed the fans directly twice: At the very beginning, when I said, "Don't worry: I'm going to take care of this book," and then to address an insane rumor that all the Volturi were naked in their introductory scene.

> "The fans have been enthusiastic about ... the trailer, and the studio responds ... by feeling good about me."

Is it true you have an offer to direct the fourth "Twilight" movie?
No official offer has been made. The fans have been enthusiastic about the footage and the trailer, and the studio responds to that by feeling good about me. David Slade is doing a great job on the third film, and by the time that comes out, he'll be the flavor of the moment. BORYS KIT (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

CASTING **Recent History** "Entourage" regular Emmanuelle Chriqui has been cast in the lead female role in "Georgia," the war film being directed by Renny Harlin. Val Kilmer also is headed to the former Soviet state to take the role of a journalist involved in covering last year's military conflict between Russia and Georgia. The drama involves an American journalist and his cameraman caught in the crossfire, and a Georgia native (Chriqui) who becomes entangled with them. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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The elusive Thom Yorke came out of hiding to contribute to "New Moon."

The Sweet Sound of Success

The soundtrack for 'New Moon' soars to the top of the charts

WINNER | "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" soundtrack rose to No. 1 on the Billboard 200 this week, selling 153,000 copies in its first full week of release. The Summit/Chop Shop/Atlantic album — which features music by Death Cab for Cutie, Thom Yorke and the Killers — arrived on the chart last week with 115,000 after an early release Oct. 16 pushed it onto the list with just three days of sales.

"New Moon" is the second soundtrack this year to top the Billboard 200, following the "Hannah Montana: the Movie" album on the chart dated May 2. "New Moon" is, of course, the sequel to "Twilight."

As previously reported, next week's Hot Shot Debut on the Billboard 200 will likely be Michael Jackson's "This Is It," the companion set to the documentary film of the same name. KEITH CAULFIELD (BILLBOARD)

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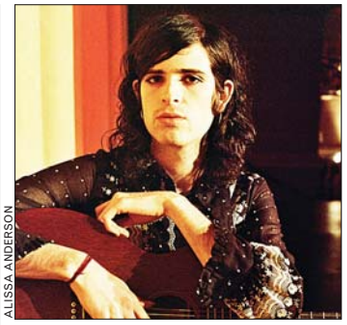
An Artist Defies All Labels

Joining Warner Bros. detracts nothing from Devendra Banhart's weird, artsy sound

MUSIC | When Devendra Banhart released "Oh Me Oh My ..." in 2002 on Young God Records, critics immediately crowned him the prince of the burgeoning New Weird America scene. It didn't quite fit the Texan-cum-Venezuelan who's also spent time in Los Angeles: Banhart's not a ruler; he's the people's troubadour.

On his latest recording, "What Will We Be" (Warner Bros.), the 28-year-old Banhart steps back from his early, raw intensity with a creased collection of drifting tunes freshly produced by A Band of Bees' Paul Butler.

He filches from a variety of genres — Brazilian Tropicalia, glam rock, lounge jazz, Zeppelin-like psychedelia — but it never sounds awkward. He loosens the stitches on each to fashion his own unique costume. "Take me as I am or might become," Banhart sings in a slurry whisper on "Goin' Back," one of the most laid-back songs he's ever recorded, with its finger-picked chords and beach-sandy drums.



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Banhart shows new depth this round.

Playing with the same ensemble that backed him on 2007's "Smokey Rolls Down Thunder Canyon," Banhart's first outing on a major label is not a concession to the big guns but rather an attuned jog through their artistic obstacle course. MARGARET WAPPLER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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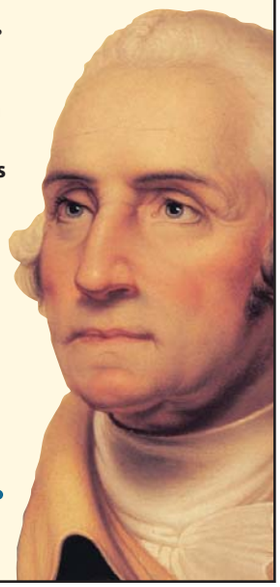

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Juvenile gives himself love on the upcoming 'Cocky and Confident'

RETURN | Long before Lil Wayne was topping sales charts, Juvenile was selling albums and laying the foundation for Cash Money Records, the label that eventually launched the tattooed rapper to superstardom.

As part of the Hot Boy$ — along with rappers Turk, B.G. and Lil Wayne — Juvenile released three albums and sold 1.8 million copies in the United States. As a solo artist, Juvenile has released seven albums, including 2006's "Reality Check," which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200.

BEN WATTS

"Cocky and Confident," Juvenile's first album in three years, drops Nov. 17.

Now, after a three-year hiatus, Juvenile is bringing his Southern bounce back to the mainstream with his eighth solo album, "Cocky and Confident," due out Nov. 17 (UTP/Atlantic Records/E1). "The album is kind of like a bragging thing; just me doing my thing," says Juvenile, born Terius Gray. "The entire album is basically all about Juvie. I'm trying to focus on what everybody else isn't doing right now. I just wanted to bring my part of hip-hop back."

To do so, Juvenile worked with a number of producers from his native New Orleans, including S-8ighty, Lu Balz, C Smith and Mouse. Pleasure P, Bobby Valentino, Rico Love, B.G., Kango Slim, Dorrough, Shawty Lo and Q Corvette make guest appearances.

To reintroduce his sound, two singles were released simultaneously: the braggadocio-filled "Gotta Get It," which is No. 67 on Billboard's Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart; and the up-tempo, flirty "Hands on You."

"Right now, I'm trying to make me the biggest thing," he says. "All guns are on me. I'll be coming back with an album real soon. It won't be another two or three years before you hear from me again."

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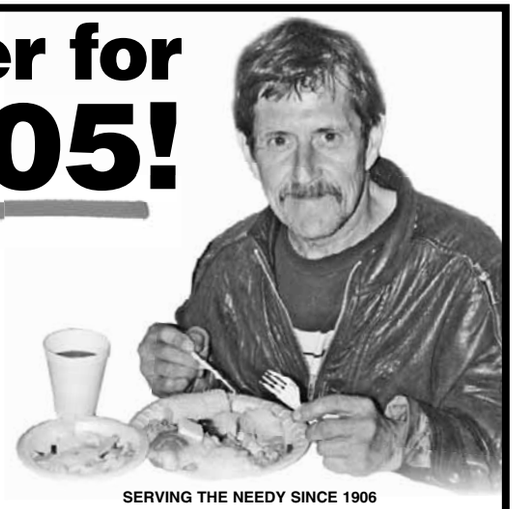

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Carly Simon Covers Herself

The veteran singer revisits her greatest musical moments on 'Never Been Gone'

MUSIC | Artists who re-record touchstone songs from their catalogs — as Carly Simon does on her new album, "Never Been Gone" — take on the burden of coming up with something different enough to make that material newly relevant. Perhaps not surprisingly, her tour through her nearly four-decade catalog succeeds best when she mixes things up the most.

The opening reading of "The Right Thing to Do" is pleasant but seems eerily close to what the song might have sounded like in the hands of her ex, James Taylor — the presence here of their musician son, Ben, could have something to do with that. Things pick up, however, with the vintage R&B groove of "It Happens Every Day" then deepen with a sophisticated treatment of "Boys in the Trees."

"You're So Vain" turns wistful rather than spiteful, while "You Belong to Me" is given a sultry Latin jazz arrangement, possibly an outgrowth of her Brazilian-tinged 2008 album "This Kind of Love." "That's the Way I've Always Heard It Should Be" is more melancholy than when she released it in 1971, thanks to simple fingerpicked guitar backing sweetened with strings and flutes.

What Simon does here is flip through the musical photo album and talk honestly about what place those old memories hold in her life now. RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Simon's re-recordings are strongest when they stray from the original.

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television lookout

'The League' of Guys

A group of ordinary gentlemen revel in crude humor on FX

SPORTS | "The League" (10:30 p.m., FX) will have many viewers thinking, "I didn't think they could say/do/show THAT on basic cable." Much like its companion series "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," this new series operates in a universe where the testosterone-fueled male knows no bounds.

United by a fantasy football league, five male friends in their mid-30s spend most of their time cracking wise in a brazenly cruel and obscene manner best confined to locker rooms and fraternity houses. For better or worse, "The League" explores the ramifications of taking this behavior to the extreme and in the presence of outsiders, such as their wives, children and co-workers. In one scene, Taco (Jon Lajoie), the stoner of the group, warbles an explicitly obscene folk song about baby-making at a children's birthday party. In another, lawyer Ruxin (Nick Kroll) risks being seen as a child molester when he procures the services of a 15-year-old football expert known as "the oracle."

As in many sitcoms of this nature, average-looking guys have gorgeous and sexually voracious wives. Kevin (Stephen Rannazzisi), the president of the league, is married to Jenny (Katie Aselton), who encourages him to watch pornography and knows more about football than he does. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

RAY MICKSHAW/FX

This tight-knit bunch of dudes play fantasy football and tell mean jokes together.

tonight's lineup

A PATTERN EMERGES
A series of attacks may have a connection on **FLASHFORWARD** (8 p.m., ABC).

ROOM FOR ERROR
Dunder Mifflin sponsors a haunted house on **THE OFFICE** (9 p.m., NBC).

SIMILAR SLAYINGS
A college coach's murder may be linked to an earlier crime on **CSI** (9 p.m., CBS).

A DREAM DESTROYED
A rookie reporter doesn't survive her first big assignment on **E! INVESTIGATES: MYSTERY IN TEXAS** (9 p.m., E!).

UNDER THE SHAKY KNIFE
A surgery challenges Derek on **GREY'S ANATOMY** (9 p.m., ABC).

SOMEONE LIKE HIM
Jack and Liz scour Kenneth's hometown for new talent on **30 ROCK** (9:30 p.m., NBC).

PATRICK MCELHENNEY/FX

The gang dons bald eagle costumes for the U.S. troops on "It's Always Sunny."

GOOD WORK, DETECTIVES
A ghost is a murder suspect on **THE MENTALIST** (10 p.m., CBS).

SO, YOU THINK YOU CAN SEW?
Heidi Klum hosts **PROJECT RUNWAY** (10 p.m., Lifetime).

BLUNDER IN THE MAKING
The gang wrestles to benefit returning troops on **IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA** (10 p.m., FX).

DIRECT DIRECTOR
Michael Moore appears on **THE JAY LENO SHOW** (10 p.m., NBC).

DIRECT COMEDIAN
Wanda Sykes is scheduled on **THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART** (11 p.m., Comedy Central).

THE SPORTS GUY
Bill Simmons is on **THE COLBERT REPORT** (11:30 p.m., Comedy Central).

INDUSTRY VETERANS
Tom Hanks and Weezer appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

SERIES He's a Keeper In the wake of his seven-episode arc on "The Office," Idris Elba is staying in business with NBC. The actor has teamed with executive producer David Eick to executive-produce a drama for the network. The untitled project is a hard-hitting legal drama about a vigilante lawyer who uses any means necessary to defend his clients against a corrupt district attorney. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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COMMENTER JEV

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COMMENTER CHRIS

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RICHARD A. LIPSKI/TWP

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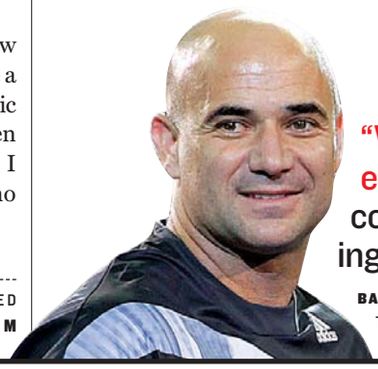

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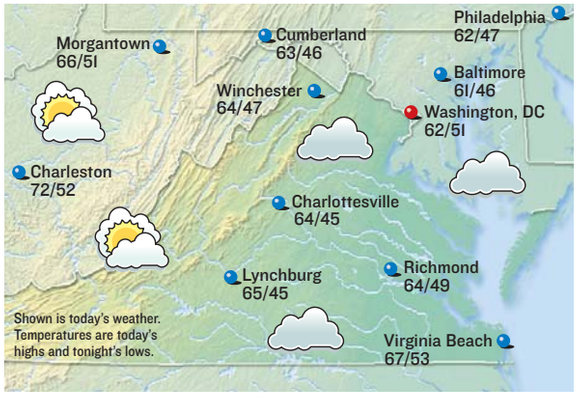

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

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D.C. Metro: Today, morning fog, becoming partly sunny. High 62. Wind east 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 51. Wind southeast 4-8 mph.

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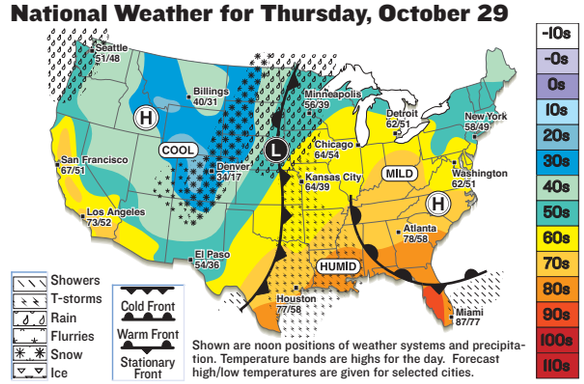

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National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	78/58/s	68/60/pc
Boston	54/44/pc	62/50/s
Chicago	64/54/pc	60/40/r
Dallas	70/50/t	63/44/r
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Honolulu	86/74/sh	87/73/sh
Los Angeles	73/52/s	79/54/s
Miami	87/77/s	88/76/s
New York City	58/49/pc	62/56/pc
Orlando	90/72/pc	87/71/pc
Seattle	51/48/r	58/49/r

World Cities

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Athens	67/59/pc	70/55/pc
Berlin	50/37/sh	47/34/s
Buenos Aires	86/72/s	90/64/pc
Calgary	38/23/c	46/32/sn
Dublin	61/50/sh	61/52/r
Geneva	66/46/pc	64/39/s
Moscow	39/30/sh	34/28/c
Rome	68/49/pc	68/45/s
Sydney	73/61/sh	79/63/s
Tokyo	68/61/pc	72/59/s

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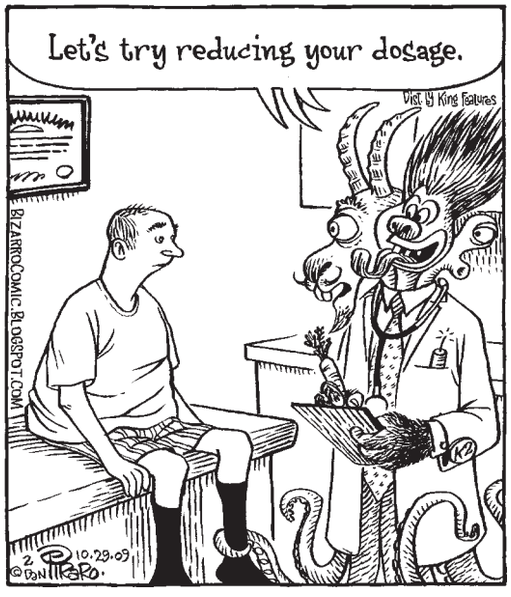

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"It's just a fairy tale. Try not to read so much into it."

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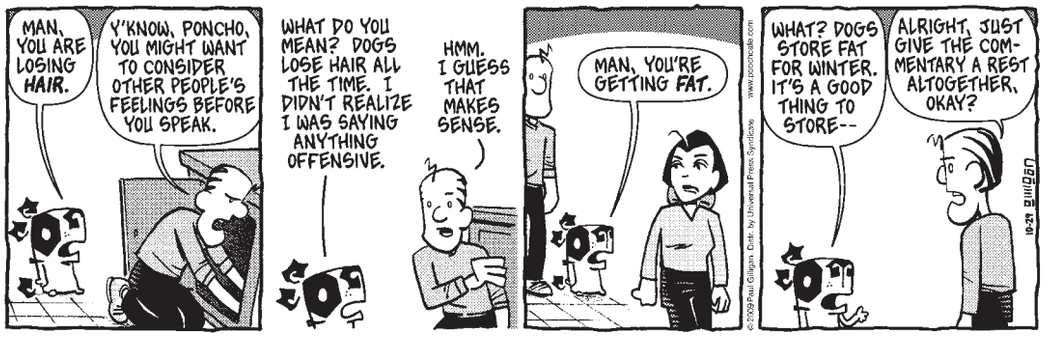

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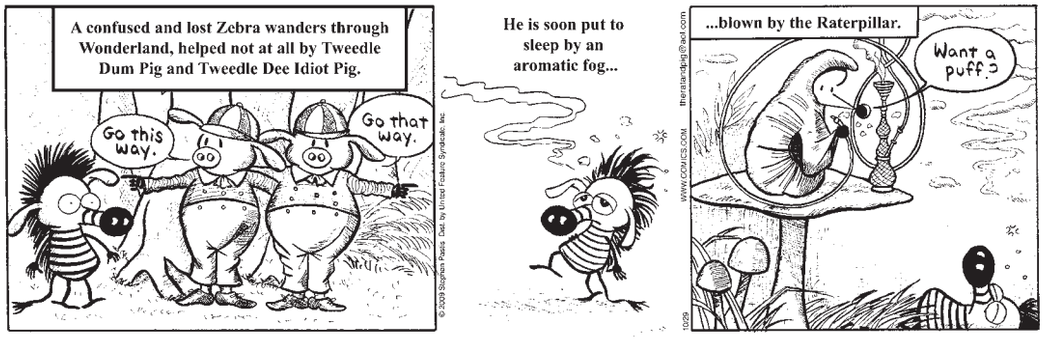

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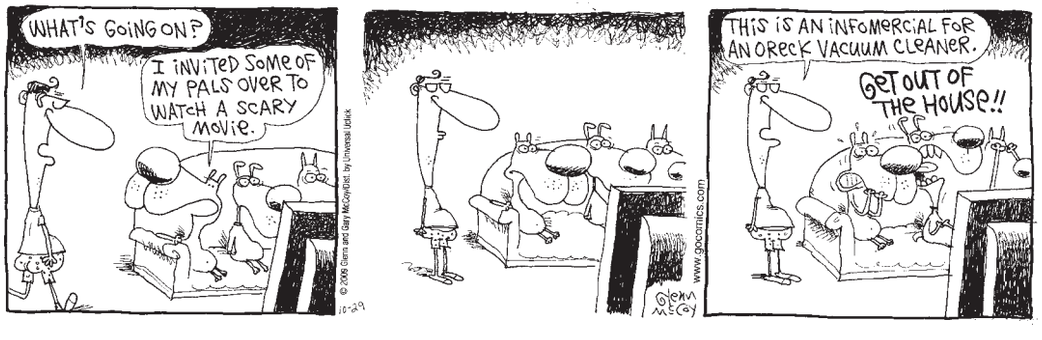

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find it difficult to balance thoughts and feelings — especially when you are faced with a challenge that was unexpected.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Routine can offer you a certain level of comfort, even though you won't be able to expect any unusual gains. Opt for what works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's important for you to be able to look at a certain issue from all sides — even though you already know which side you're really on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The moment you get going, you'll realize that you're on something of a roll — and stopping will be harder than usual, surely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The more words that are shared about a given issue, the more likely you and a rival are to come to some sort of agreement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Focus on the basics, and do your best to get back to the kind of thing that first provided you with essential inspiration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Just when you think things are about to stabilize or level out, you're likely to encounter an unexpected variable that changes everything.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Trust your instincts and you'll find yourself with controlling influence over a situation that has proved difficult for others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may surprise yourself with what you can accomplish after a momentary flash of inspiration. Don't expect this to last forever, though.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be willing to open up about certain issues that have been eating at you for some time. A friend or family member has your back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Avoid doing anything that may make a bad situation worse. You'll know just where to draw the line when the time comes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's not over until it's over — so, you'll want to keep your hat in the ring as long as possible.

Today in History

1863 International Committee of the Red Cross is founded in Geneva.

1901 President William McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, is executed.

1929 The New York stock market collapses, marking "Black Tuesday," and the Great Depression follows.

1962 United States lifts its naval quarantine of Cuba at the request of U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, who had flown to Havana for talks with Fidel Castro.

1966 The feminist National Organization for Women is founded in the U.S.

1994 A man armed with an assault weapon sprays bullets at the White House.

1996 Thousands of paintings, sculptures, coins and other objects plundered by the Nazis from Jewish homes in Austria go on sale in a special auction to benefit needy survivors of the Holocaust.

1998 John Glenn, the first American in space 36 years earlier, rides the space shuttle into orbit at age 77.

AP

John Glenn, center, prepares to return to space at age 77 on Oct. 29, 1998.

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"I'm trying to wear nothing too revealing," Hasselbeck told Walters Monday.

COMPLAINTS

Abstinence Promoter Whines About Abstinence

ELISABETH HASSELBECK does not plan to bear more children, she told Barbara Walters Monday. The mother of three professes to be avoiding her husband and dressing undesirably so they will not have sex while she's waiting for birth control to kick in. "But in the meantime, I just find him incredibly attractive," she said. (EXPRESS)

IDEAS

'Price Is Right' Host Beats PETA to the Punch

BOB BARKER donated $1 million to Springfield, Mo.'s Drury University to establish a professorship on animal rights. Barker said he hopes the school will offer a full program of studies on the topic. (AP)

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FORMER CHILD STARS

D in 'D-List' for 'Divorce'

Court records show that '80s child star **COREY FELDMAN**'s wife has filed for divorce after seven years of marriage. Susannah Feldman filed for divorce last week and cited irreconcilable differences for the breakup. The couple were married in October 2002. They have a 5-year-old son. (AP)

PROBLEMS

747s Are Easier to Make Vanish Than the Law

Enjoy this unflattering photo of David Copperfield.

DAVID COPPERFIELD has won a six-month stay in a lawsuit filed by a Seattle woman who says Copperfield sexually assaulted her while she was a guest on his private island in the Bahamas. A judge stayed the case Tuesday so the U.S. attorney's office in Seattle can complete a criminal investigation. In seeking the stay, the magician says he was being put in the position of having to provide information in the civil case that could be used against him in a criminal prosecution. Prosecutors say a decision about whether to file criminal charges will be made in the next six months. (AP)

NICK UT/AP

Octomom told Radaronline.com she "kind of [has] a crush on Jon Gosselin."

COUPLES

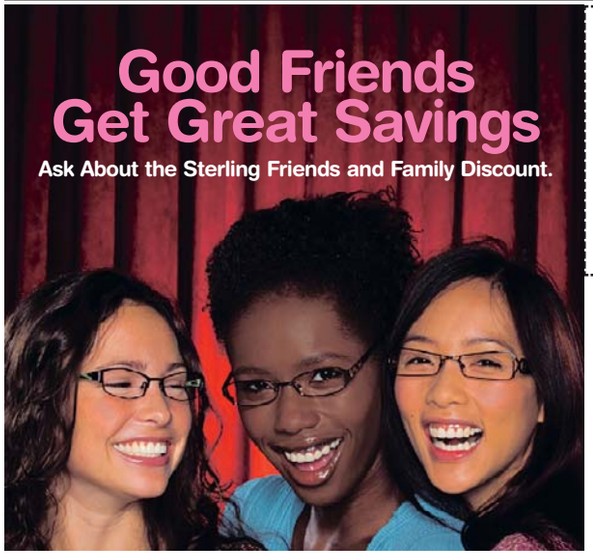
Jon + Octomom = Implosion Of Reality TV Upon Itself

A producer insists that he's making a reality show featuring Jon Gosselin dating **NADYA "OCTOMOM" SULEMAN**, though reps for both parties deny it, the New York Daily News reported. "I had the idea that this could be a very entertaining fiasco," said producer Bobby Goldstein. The show would be called "Jon – Kate = Jon + Octomom." (EXPRESS)

BORED

FCC Disappointed, Needed Something to Do

JAY-Z will clean up the language in "Empire State of Mind" when he performs the song at the World Series. A source close to the rapper says Jay-Z won't utter curses or other raw language included in his hit, which has been blasted by the New York Yankees during their playoff run. (AP)



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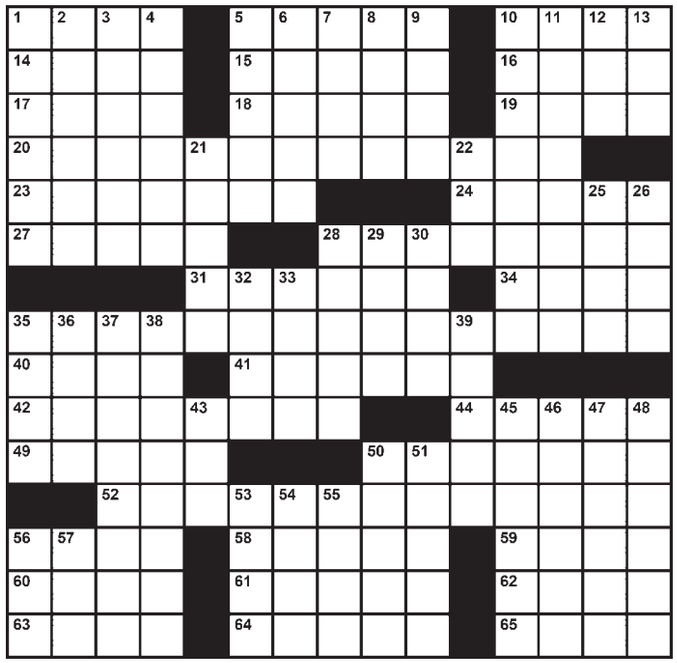

ACROSS
1 Beer component
5 Eighteenth U.S. president
10 Mil. letter drops
14 Bar in a narrow dish
15 "... bad, bad ___ Brown"
16 They won't boost a 2.0 GPA
17 Drove 90 in a 75 zone
18 Certain American dogwood
19 NFL snappers (abbr.)
20 Library feature
23 Spotted cat of the Americas
24 Hatch from Utah
27 Angler's boot
28 "Keep your pants on!"
31 Critters with eyestalks
34 "Beloved" author Morrison
35 Book's guide
40 Fonda role
41 Become attracted by
42 Meat retailers
44 Old Testament song
49 ___-surface missile
50 Kind of diver
52 Book written in first person
56 Space travel meas.
58 Medalworthy behavior
59 Frosty coating
60 "Dies ___" (mass hymn)
61 "Spirited Away" genre
62 Victorian and Mesozoic
63 Best buds
64 "... to say the ___"
65 Car insurance topic, perhaps

DOWN
1 Site of Gorky Park
2 South American llama
3 Looked lasciviously
4 Take baby steps
5 Act self-satisfied
6 Catches one's breath
7 Opera highlight
8 "Silent Night" or "The Little Drummer Boy"
9 Trainee
10 Right on the nose
11 Norm's last name on "Cheers"
12 "___ the land of the free ..."
13 Frying pan sound
21 Corsica, to the French
22 "I ___ You Babe" (Sonny and Cher hit)
25 Attachment for "len"
26 CBS maritime drama
28 Candle cords
29 Facial tissue additive
30 Stevie Wonder's "___ She Lovely?"
32 Thing jotted down
33 A good way off
35 Brass instrument
36 "C'est ___" ("it's his")
37 Act of aiding an enemy
38 Professorial talks
39 Barfly
43 Word with "potato" and "pepper"
45 Left unharmed
46 Be ambitious
47 ___ Brothers (failed investment banking firm)
48 Word used to express possibility, in the Bible
50 Brings to ruin
51 Bird with long plumes
53 Speedskating track shape
54 Source of misery
55 Skater Kulik who won gold at Nagano
56 "Keep a stiff upper ___"
57 "La-la" lead-in

Yesterday's Solution

SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su|do|ku?
Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

6	9	2	3	8	1	5	4	7
8	3	1	4	7	5	9	2	6
5	7	4	6	9	2	1	3	8
9	8	7	5	4	3	6	1	2
1	5	6	9	2	8	3	7	4
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2	6	9	8	3	4	7	5	1
7	4	5	1	6	9	2	8	3
3	1	8	2	5	7	4	6	9

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